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Japan Suggests Military Mission Will Be Recalled

CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT

Mr. Hsu Shih Ying, the Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, who is leaving for Hong Kong in the R.M.S. Empress of Asia will arrive in the Colony on January 24. It is understood that he will stay in the Colony for a few days and later proceed to Hankow by plane to interview the Generalissimo.

MACAO SYNDICATE'S FAST SHIPS

Two cargo and passenger steamers will maintain a speedy service between Macao and Hong Kong, commencing shortly after China New Year, according to information received by the "China Mail" this morning.

It is understood that the new enterprise is being backed by a group of Macao businessmen with extensive interests in the Portuguese Colony, who are interested in a speedy service to operate at times suitable to their Hong Kong clients.

The two steamers will be the—"Macao" and the "Kau Tung" which were formerly the "Paul Beau" and "Charles Hardouin," respectively.

Both of them are being completely renovated at an estimated cost of \$300,000, one at the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., and the other at Bailey's.

When completed, they will be the last word in comfort and will provide commodious accommodation for a large number of passengers. It is expected that the journey between the two Colonies will be completed in something under three hours.

Basis Removed By Rupture Of Relations

Berlin, To-day.

Interpretation of the official communique regarding German mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict, to the effect that such mediation is now definitely ended, is given by the Berlin correspondent of the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" in a report which is obviously inspired.

The correspondent states that with the rupture of diplomatic relations between Japan and China, the foundation has been removed on which Reich activity as a mediator is based.

"As Japan refuses to recognise the Chinese Government," he says, "it is no longer possible to maintain further exchange of messages in regard to peace possibilities between the two parties."

"It must, therefore, be plainly stated that the role adopted by the Reich since October, can no longer be continued." — Reuter.

MILITARY MISSION TO BE WITHDRAWN

Tokyo, To-day.

According to reports circulating here, the Japanese Government is said to be in possession of information to the effect that the German Government is proposing shortly to recall the German military mission from China.

It is also stated that the German Ambassador has officially indicated that Germany is withdrawing from further peace mediation efforts.—Our Own Correspondent.

TSINGTAO QUIET

Tsingtao, To-day.

Two Japanese banks, the Bank of Korea and the Yokohama Specie Bank, resumed business here this morning. — Our Own Correspondent.

FOUR RUSSIANS UNDER ARREST IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Four Russians and several women are among those arrested on allegations connecting them with an anti-Japanese terroristic organisation in Shanghai.

Altogether 90 arrests have been made and investigations still proceeding are expected to lead to further arrests.

It is alleged that the principal purpose of the organisation was the assassination of Chinese residents publicly indicating their readiness to co-operate with the Japanese.

The French police were responsible for the coup. They detained 28 persons at a "conference" in the French Concession and as a result of their questioning, the further arrests were possible. — Our Own Correspondent.

ment" soon after his arrival and indicated that the complete breach of the Japanese Government with Chiang Kai-shek would lead to measures for consolidating the position of the "provisional government." — Our Own Correspondent.

CONSOLIDATION IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

General Terauchi, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Troops in North China, has returned to Peiping.

The General met members of the Peiping "Provisional Govern-

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I Laughed At These Love Letters!



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Some women keep love letters for years and years. Bound in pink ribbon, the little packet lies in a drawer, the words fading as time passes. And fading even more rapidly after every time they're taken out to be cried over.

You must have read dozens of stories of tear-spotted love letters. They're supposed to become even more precious and magical as the years go by.

Well, I don't tie my love letters in pink ribbon. I don't even keep all of them.

But now that the year's drawing to a close, I've been rummaging through a red-and-gold cardboard box that held Christmas cards once—and I've found a few love letters.

They made me smile when I first read them. They make me laugh to-day.

I mean, is there any modern girl alive who could help smiling at nonsense like this? I'm reading from the first letter I came across:—

"Pam, old thing. I expect you'll be surprised to get a letter from me so soon. But I haven't been able to sleep well to-night. I know, darling, I only left you a few hours ago. Wasn't the dance marvellous!"

"Before I turn in and try to get forty winks, I want to tell you that I feel now I was a beast and a cad just before we parted. Will you forgive me darling?"

"How right you were in telling me off! I'll never, never behave like

that again.

"Try and like me a little, darling, Mark."

Oh, most affecting!

Can't you just see the poor darling, pacing up and down his bedroom, tortured by conscience?

Of course, he's sorry. Of course, he feels a cad and a beast. Until the next time.

In fact, I heard later that darling Mark was hinting vaguely at the "hot time" he had with me after that dance. It was hot all right, but not in the way he hinted to his precious friends.

* * *

Well, I can laugh at that. I could scream at the next letter. I'll quote a little of it and let you try and visualise the kind of man who wrote it.

"Sweetest one, I'm sending you some flowers to-morrow—I hope they'll be a token of my love. I know we've not known each other very long, but do believe me when I say I've fallen for you.

"Perhaps you think I say that to all the girls. I don't—honestly.

"It was sweet of you to let me kiss your dear lips for the first time. I'll never, never forget that moment.

"Oh, if you only knew how I'm longing to hold you in my arms again. 'Woo-wooz.'"

Now, can't you see "Woo-wooz"? A weak-chinned, anaemic young man who is trying to grow a Guards' moustache to hide his girlish mouth?

Last time she wrote about her views of men. Protesting letters poured in. This time she ridicules the love letters men write. What do YOU think of HER for laughing at the letters men in love with her have written?

Actually, he's six feet tall. He weighs something less than a young elephant. He plays Rugby on Saturdays, wears plus-fours, smokes a pipe, and of all the "hearties" I've ever met is the "heartiest" of all.

Ah, here's another.

A very languid young man wrote this to me.

"Beloved," he begins.

"I have just been reading some poems by Keats. Do you read Keats, Pamela? You ought to. For your eyes remind me of those pools of clear...."

I have a sudden vision of his pale-blue watery eyes. He's one of those fellows who like to lie flat on the grass, his head on one's knees, looking upward.

And here is the letter that handed me the biggest laugh of all. He was one of these go-getter young business men.

It was easy to keep him guessing, and then, one April morning, THIS came through the letter box:—

"My dear Pamela,

SOMETHING NEW IN KISSES

Materials needed:

Sugar, 1 cup
Egg whites, 3
Corn flakes, 3 cups

Nut meats, 1 cup

Method: Separate the yolks and white of

3 eggs. Add a pinch of salt to the whites and beat them until very stiff (or until they stand up in little peaks).

Into this gradually stir 1 cup sugar. Then add.

"I believe you're a girl who understands straight speaking. Well, here we are. You've been trying to make a fool out of me. Oh, yes, you have. Don't deny it.

"But when we go out to-night—I hope you remember the date; I entered it in your little green book—I'm going to ask you a question. I think you know what it is, and I believe, darling, you'll have ready an answer that will make me the happiest man in the world.

"I was fond of you at the start. Now I love you. I'll never be happy without you."

"With all my love,

"Terry."

* * *

I scared that man until he nearly jumped through his white collar.

Because these hard-headed young business men are always the ones who write impulsive letters that are later read aloud in breach of promise cases.

He admitted he'd been a little rash, asked me to forget the letter "temporarily."

Instead I told him I was "filing it for future reference." He's still a little bit uneasy about that passionate love letter!

Well, that's the best of the little bunch.

Into the fire they all go in a minute or two.

For men—most of 'em, anyway—are not over-bright at the best of times.

But when they sit down to write a love letter....!

"A few days ago I knocked over a whole bottle of iodine on to one of my best white table-cloths. I did not know what to do, but covered the stain (a tremendous one) with salt, and then washed the whole cloth in warm, very soapy, water. It did the trick, and it is impossible to see any stain now."

"Put 2oz. of glue in an earthenware jar and cover with water. Place in a saucepan and dissolve. When the glue has dissolved, empty into a gallon of warm water and place the garment in it for twenty minutes, covered with a cloth. Squeeze the garment and rinse in several changes of warm water. Iron on the wrong side. You can do this to stiffen serge, gabardine, tweeds and waterproof materials."

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Woman's Crowning Glory



Upper Left—Hair Swept Softly Back From the Temples and Up From the Nape of the Neck in a Pompadour Line, With Curls Piled on Top of the Head, Characterize This as One of the Latest Coiffures for Formal Evening Wear. With This Particular Coiffure the Wearer Can Comb the Curls Downward to Give a Softer Line Under the Daytime Hat. Upper Right—Another Off-the-Face Evening Style. The Curls Are Brought Out to the Side Rather Than Piled on Top to Give the Effect of Width Rather Than Height.

Hair may still be considered a woman's crowning glory, as one hairdresser recently told a client. But with this difference: No longer is it admired simply for its own beauty of colour and texture, regardless of the line it assumes in the complete silhouette. Rather it is the moulding of the hair in relation to the head, the face, and the entire silhouette that matters. The bob lends itself to a variety of type of treatment that was impossible in the days when a woman's pride and glory was a length of hair that could be sat upon. Short tresses are more tractable. They are easily

divisible into sections that may be curled, waved, or drawn straight, as the need may be, and it is amazing what can be done with them to modify the appearance of one's face. The effect of high cheek bones may be counterbalanced, a round face may be made to appear longer, and a long, thin face, fuller—all by the

skillful manipulation of a few short locks.

Styles Change

Styles in hairdress change from season to season as much as do fashions in dress. For instance, the trend at the moment is up and off the neck and the face.

Hair swept softly back from the temples and brushed up from the nape of the neck in the pompadour line and coiled in soft ringlets on the top of the head is the most up-to-the-minute evening coiffure. A more conservative mode for daytime wear showed the curls drawn further down to give a softer line under the hat.

Again as in dress, extremes of fashion are seldom becoming to the majority of people. The extremes of coiffure are, therefore, modified or exaggerated by the able designer to solve the particular problems presented by the face and figure of a client.

Should Express Individuality

Coiffures should express the individuality of the wearer in the same manner as do her clothes. But to be individual does not mean that one must depart so far from the prevailing style as to look queer. If one is to be well groomed, the hair should fit easily into the chosen silhouette. If, instead, it draws attention to itself as a startling contrast to the rest of the silhouette it is not doing for the wearer what it should.

Bridge Party Catering

IF you are planning "eats" for a bridge party this week-end you may like to try some of these practical suggestions.

Olives A La Savoy

Cut small rounds of bread and fry in deep fat. Keep turning over and over until golden brown. When cold, spread with fish paste.

In the centre of each place, a turned olive filled with the paste. (To turn an olive, use a small sharp knife and, starting at the top, peel round and round as near the stone as possible, and cutting carefully all in one).

Round the edge arrange, say, four little groups of hard-boiled egg, with a sprinkle of yolk in the centre of each; and fill in shredded cucumber between.

Canapes

Open sandwiches for bridge parties suggest special card-shaped cutters.

If you do not happen to possess any, you can get a set inexpensively at any stores.

Cut out brown bread in diamonds, hearts (equal numbers of each "suit"), spread with butter and then cover with lean boiled ham.

Pipe round the edge with mustard butter made this way: Sieve the yolk of a hard-boiled egg, and mix in about two ounces of butter, a pinch of salt, a small teaspoonful of made mustard and a few drops of vinegar.

Put a little chopped egg white in the centre of each canape, and for luck and a pretty finish, add a touch of chopped parsley.

Sweet And Savory

Reverting to card-shape cutters, a small variety, measuring threequarters of an inch across, make amusing decorations for creams and jellies.

For sweet, colour a very little jelly or cream blancmange, just enough to make a thin layer in a saucer, and when set stamp out with diamond and heart cutters.

Decorate the bottoms of individual moulds with them, one for each mould. With spades and clubs cutters stamp out a prune cut in thin slices. For aspic moulds, use a little aspic coloured red, and black olives cut in slices.

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King Farouk And Bride Drive Through Cheering Throngs

Cairo, To-day.

When King Farouk and his bride drove in procession through the streets of Cairo, thousands of Egyptians packed the thoroughfares and cheered continuously.

The new Queen looked lovely in a beautiful wedding gown, with a train five yards long, and wore a precious diamond tiara over her black hair.

The tiara, which was King Farouk's wedding present, is reported to have been purchased in Paris for 4,000,000 francs.

The pressure from the crowd was so great that policemen had to form themselves into a solid phalanx before the bridal car to clear the people out of the way.

Tens of thousands of visitors were in Cairo for the day from the provinces, and the city has never witnessed such a crush.

The wedding gifts came from all parts of the world. Practically every sovereign and head of state sent presents.—Trans-Ocean.

WEDDING CEREMONIES

Cairo, To-day.

The marriage ceremony of King Farouk, to which no high foreign personages had been invited, was celebrated yesterday with great rejoicing.

The couple received innumerable presents from all parts of the world, including two sporting guns from King George VI, while Herr Hitler presented the young couple with a sports car and Signor Mussolini's gift was an ancient statuette.

There were three copies of the marriage contract each in costly binding and destined respectively for the King and Queen of the Egyptian State. The bride herself was not present at the ceremony.

MUCH EMOTION

Sheikh Maraghi having read the contract aloud proceeded to cite the Koran and then turning to King Farouk asked him if he consented to marry Miss Zulficar.

It is said that the King showed much emotion when he replied in the affirmative.

The bride's father then signified his consent on behalf of his daughter whereupon Sheikh Maraghi laid the King's hand in that of the bride's father and covered both hands with white cloth.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the King and the bride's father (Yussuf Zulficar Pasha) signed all three copies of the marriage contract and at the same moment guns began to fire a salute while bells pealed in order to announce the historic event to the nation.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

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NATIVE BANKS IN DIFFICULTY IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Because of the stagnation of business, nearly fifty Chinese native banking houses are reported to have resolved to close down.

The Canton Chinese Banking Guild is holding a meeting to discuss the present situation.—Reuter.

LAD INVOLVED IN HEROIN RACKET GIVEN FRESH CHANCE

"I am sure you are not a bad boy and that you are here more because you got into bad company so I am not going to send you to prison. I am going to give you a chance to lead a healthy life so that you may take your proper place among your fellow-men," remarked Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, this morning to Ng Lee, an 11-year-old lad who, together with two Chinese adults, was found guilty of unlawful possession of 48,300 heroin pills, at the Criminal Sessions last Monday morning.

The men were sentenced to three and four years' hard labour, respectively, but the sentence on the boy was postponed until this morning.

Replying to the Chief Justice this morning, Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, stated that the Aberdeen Industrial School authorities were willing to admit the lad into the institution. The boy, he added, had been for some time in the Remand Home and Mr. Fallon, in charge of the Home, had spoken very highly of him.

INTELLIGENT LAD

Mr. Fallon was questioned by the Chief Justice and said that the boy was intelligent and had the makings of a decent citizen. A term, in the Industrial Home, would be of more benefit than prison sentence.

The lad was ordered to be sent to the Remand Home for a period of six months, after which he will enter the Aberdeen Industrial School for four years to learn a trade.

NORTH CHINA CUSTOMS RATES TO BE CUT ON JAPANESE-MADE PRODUCTS

Tokyo, To-day.

Reduction of the "unreasonably high Customs rates" on Japanese-made products, will form one of the basic and principle tariff revisions planned by the "provisional Chinese government," according to reports from Peiping.

THE "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" ALSO INTENDS TO SLASH IMPORT DUTIES IN GOODS OF DAILY NECESSITY AND COMMODITIES REQUIRED FOR ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF NORTH CHINA.

Officials in Peiping yesterday revealed that tariff rates on products "which can easily be smuggled into North China," will also be cut, so as to check the activities of contrabandists.

It is emphasised that Manchukuo will be regarded as a foreign country in revising the tariff schedule.

The new regime at present controls the Customs offices at Chinwangtao, Tientsin and Tsingtao.—Reuter.

JAPAN DEMANDS FREE HAND TO BUILD A "NEW CHINA"

Tokyo, To-day.

At an extraordinary session of the Japanese Provincial Governors yesterday afternoon, the Premier, Prince Konoye, again explained the Japanese standpoint as regards the present situation in the Sino-Japanese conflict and enunciated the general principles for "spiritual mobilisation" of the Japanese people on entering a new stage of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The Chinese National Government, explained the Premier, had taken into account neither the conciliatory attitude of the Japanese nor the good services of Germany but had openly adopted a pro-Soviet Russian and pro-Communist policy.

Japan would now regulate Sino-Japanese relations with the new regime in China and would build up an entirely new China.

Japan, however, continued Prince Konoye, wants to collaborate with all nations that wish to join her in working for peace in the Far East.

The crisis in the Far East would, however be accentuated if third Powers were to continue to agitate in China or support anti-Japanese elements there.—Trans-Ocean.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Siamese Government against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

YUNNAN WANTS PASSPORTS

Kunming (Yunnan), To-day.

Foreign travellers not possessing a proper passport will not be permitted to enter Yunnan Province, according to a resolution adopted by the Yunnan Provincial Government at an extraordinary meeting on January 17.

Before entering the province, foreigners are required to submit their passports to the local authorities for examination, and those whose passports are not in order will not be admitted.—Reuter.

EX-BOMBAY JUDGE PASSES


London, To-day.

The death occurred at Brighton yesterday after a short illness of Sir Stanley Lockhart Batchelor.

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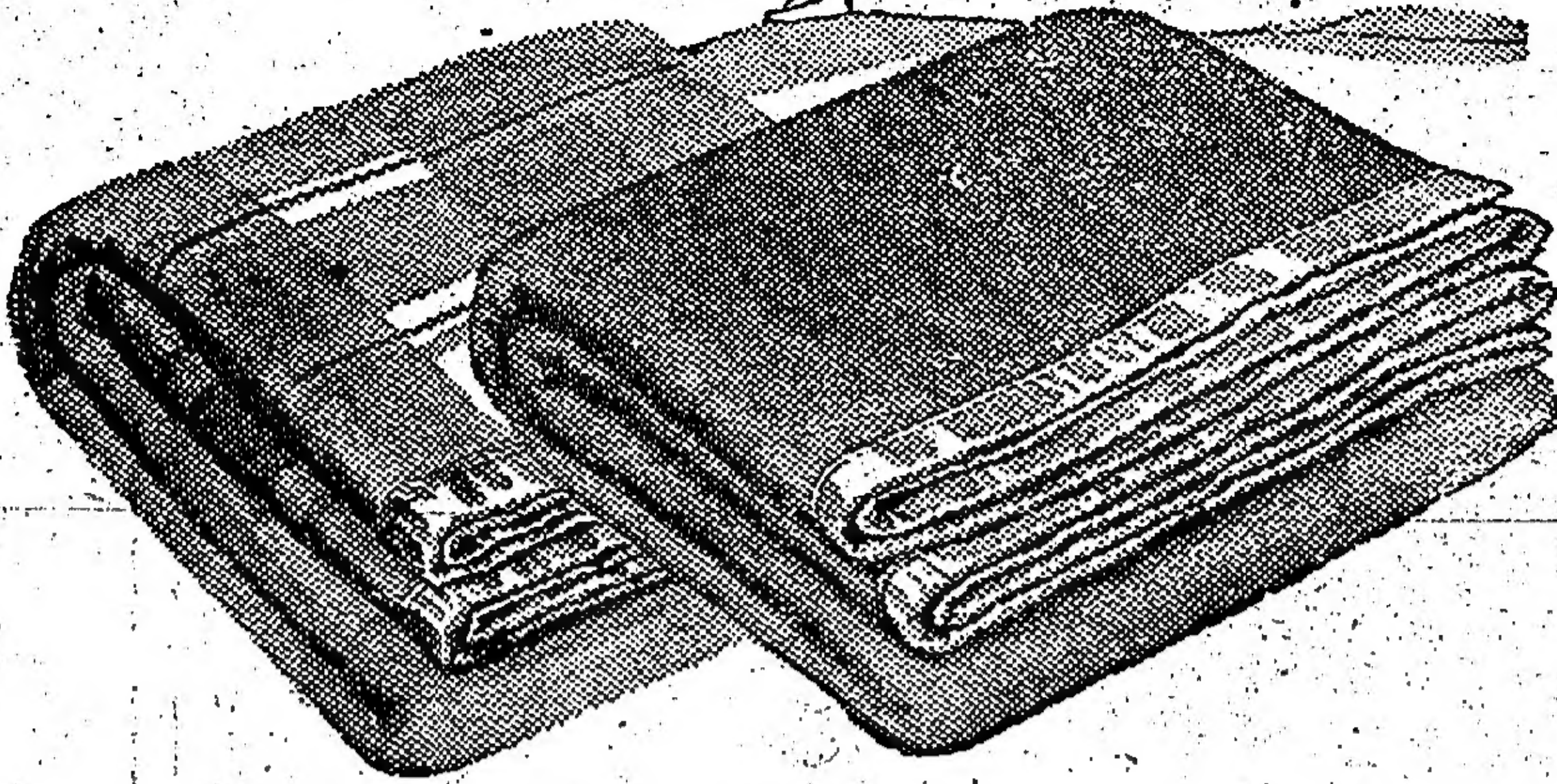
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PUBLIC GYMNASIUM FOR HONG KONG SUGGESTED AT SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING

A suggestion that the Government should provide a Public Gymnasium, and train young Chinese as qualified P. T. instructors for employment in schools was made by Dr. S. W. Ts'o this morning.

He was speaking on the steady and successful year's work and extraordinarily high average attendance of 98.08 mentioned by Mr. Li King-hong, principal of the Government Vernacular Middle School, in his report read this morning at the annual prize giving.

The following is a translation of Dr. Ts'o's speech:—To attain the successes such as the school has attained is no mean achievement and demands strenuous efforts from the staff and the co-operation of the students. I offer you all my heartiest congratulations.

There are a few points in the report which drew my special attention namely: that the health of the school was good; that the average attendance of students has reached the gratifying high percentage of 98.08; and that discipline has been well kept.

GOOD HEALTH

To secure the success of the last two namely the high percentage of attendance and the keeping of discipline depends, I consider, the success of the first, namely:—good health. My reason for saying this is that without sickness school attendance will be regular and skipping of lessons will be avoided. I feel sure that nothing will dishearten a boy so much as to feel that he is unable to keep up with his class-mates through no fault of his own but on account of ill-health. In good health a boy learns quicker and understands better what he is learning. Study will then become a pleasure instead of a burden to him. I may quote here what To Yun Ming, an old Chinese Scholar, said of himself. He said that "Whenever I begin to grasp the idea and meaning of the thing I learn I become so delighted that I forget all about my dinner." I may also quote

here an ancient passage describing the man who seeks after virtue. It said that "when he discovers one single virtue he will embrace it so faithfully that he would never let it go." So with our Students. When they understand what is imparted to them they would take a great interest in their studies; and a studious student will always keep discipline in school.

LACK OF PLAYING FIELDS

You will see, therefore, how important is Health to an Educational Institution. You all know Hong Kong is a small place and crowded with houses. Space for playing fields is limited. On the other hand there are hundreds of schools with no less than 70 to 80 thousand students in the Colony. Schools that possess a private play-ground are few. To cater for all students with open fields for playing games such as cricket and football is impossible. I feel, therefore, that we are handicapped somewhat in the matter of improving the physique of students for lack of open space for games. The Director of Education, however, has seen to this and has, last year, trained a number of Physical Instructors for the use of Government Schools and students of your school reaped the benefit of their services.

P. T. IN SCHOOLS

In my opinion physical training for school boys and girls gives better result to health than football or other games. For physical exercises can be taken in a small area, and students of all ages can join in. I hope that the Director of Education will proceed with his scheme for training more Physical Instructors. Chinese in Hong Kong are taking great interest in sports and games and I think a public gymnasium will supply a need to those who have no opportunity of playing football, cricket or tennis. Such a gymnasium will serve as a training school for physical instructors where they can pass a test and obtain a certificate of efficiency and become qualified instructors. I consider that a public institution of this nature should be under the control of the Government. At first sight my suggestion seems to be a matter appertaining to Public Health. But Public Health should start with the young that is to say school children and those who has just passed out of school.

The prizes were then distributed by Dr. Ts'o.

The Prize List included:—Higher Middle III University School Leaving Certificates 1. Cheung Chung Leung (Honours), 2. Wong Chi Kin, and 3. Wan Tin Hung.

Higher Middle II Education Department School Certificates:—1. Lau Fat Yip, 2. Li Seung Ngai, 3. Fung Kai Tak, 4. Sak Pak Hang, 5. Mui Yee Cheung, 6. Mok Cheong Tai, and 7. Luk Tat Chuen.

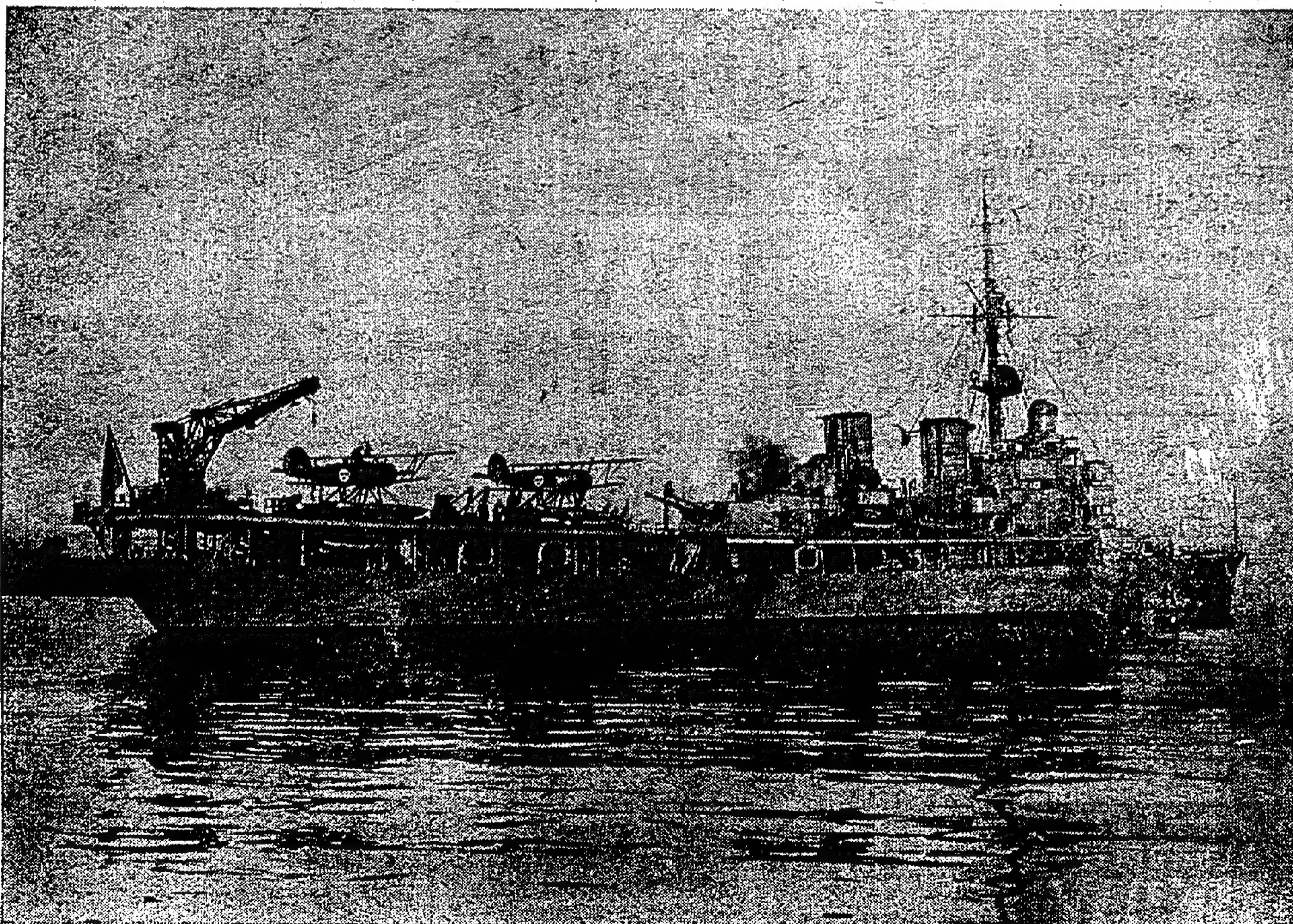
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CLOUDY WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone over China continues to increase in intensity, pressure being now highest to the north of the Yangtse Valley. The depression, which continues to be shallow, covers the whole of Japan.

Local forecast:—N. and N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy.



The Swedish aircraft-cruiser H.M.S. Gotland has arrived at Falmouth, her first port of call. She is carrying a number of cadets with her crew, and is on a three and a half months cruise. She will visit Scotland later. The new vessel is capable of accomodating eight seaplanes with catapult launching gear, but only two seaplanes are being carried on this cruise. Photo shows—A view of the Swedish aircraft-cruiser H.M.S. Gotland with seaplanes at Falmouth. (Fox Copyright).

It's Dark It's Good EWO MUNICH

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO END ANGLO-ITALIAN TENSION

Count Grandi's Visit To The Foreign Office

Mr. Anthony Eden's Condition For Discussions

London, To-day.

A conference between the Italian Ambassador to London, Count Grandi, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, on Wednesday is regarded by yesterday morning's papers as the first overture towards the resumption of Anglo-Italian conversations which began last summer but were discontinued when the political atmosphere became too obscure.

The "Daily Express" asserts that the Italian Ambassador assured Mr. Eden of Italy's eagerness to see an informal exchange of opinions between the leading statesmen of the two countries resumed.

Mr. Eden emphasised, according to the same paper, that before an actual attempt can be made to improve relations between the two countries through such conversations Italy must cease her anti-British radio propaganda in the Near East.

SIR ROBERT VANSITTART

Commenting on the same conference about which incidentally no details have been forthcoming, the "Daily Mail" asserts that a desire for better relations with Italy was responsible for the creation of the post of Chief Adviser to the British Government on foreign affairs, and a visit by Sir Robert Vansittart to Rome is to be expected in the near future.

Prospects of a solution to the thorny problem of Anglo-Italian relations, has, according to the paper, given rise to a high degree of satisfaction in Italian political circles.—Trans-Ocean.

KENNEDY TOWN FIRE

A small fire broke out last night in the Tung On (Cattle Dealer) sheds at the Kennedy Town slaughter house. Two tons of dry hay and about 20 feet of the cattle shed were destroyed. The fire is believed to have started through a lighted cigarette thrown there by a beggar while sleeping on the dry hay. The Fire Brigade was called out but only one hydrant was used.

REVOLVER STOLEN ABOARD SHIP

Dr. B. Harris has reported to the police that he lost a S. & W. revolver, valued at £4, and a camera, valued at £3, from an unlocked drawer, in a cabin on board the Carthage.

Normal cable connection with Shanghai and Japan has been re-established.

HENDON AIR DISPLAYS TO BE HELD NO MORE

London, To-day.

A decision to discontinue, for the future, the annual Royal Air Force displays at Hendon in favour of the development of an Empire Air Day was announced last night by the Air Ministry, which states that the decision has lately been under consideration by the Air Council and that the decision has been reached after full examination of all the factors involved.

The decision, which has been taken with much regret, will become operative at once and no display will be held in the present year.

The statement, after recalling that the display has been held annually since 1920, explains the reasons including the unsuitability of Hendon Aerodrome or any other suitable ground for high speed manoeuvres of modern service aircraft and the undesirability of diverting the energy of the Royal Air Force from regular operational training to which the Hendon display has formerly conformed, before the recent developments in power and speed why the Air Council have decided to abandon the display.

DAY TO DAY WORK

Attention is called, moreover, to the fact that opportunities for the public to acquaint themselves with the work of the Air Force has been extended by the establishment in 1934 of the annual Empire Air Day on which large numbers of aerodromes are thrown open to the public.

Attendance at the Empire Air Day last year was nearly twice as great as the attendance at the Hendon Display.

On Empire Air Day, visitors are able to see, in intricate manner, the day to day work of the Royal Air Force, including flying exercises under conditions more favourable than it was possible to afford at Hendon. The statement concludes that it is the intention of the Air Council fully to maintain and, indeed so far as exigencies of the service permit, extend the scope of Empire Air Day.—British Wireless.



Les Ballets Polonais, Poland's first ballet dancing organisation for centuries, has opened a short season at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. The London Philharmonic Orchestra played the performance. Photo shows—Olga Slavska, and Czeslaw Kenarski the two principals during the wedding scene. (Fox Co copyright).

Mak Hoi-kwan, aged 17, a boarder at the Heep Yuen School, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering, it is alleged, from the effects of lysol poisoning.

Tse Sui-ki, a postman, was knocked down by bus No. 614 driven by Lai Han, in Connaught Road Central yesterday and was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from injuries to the leg and head.

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300-YEAR-OLD VILLAGE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

The interesting experiment of reconstructing the whole of a 30-year-old Cotswold village without losing anything of its ancient charm is to be undertaken shortly.

The village is Cornwell, which lies between Chipping Norton and Stow-in-the-Wold, and is one of the most picturesque spots in the Cotswold district. Plans for its reconstruction have been passed by the local authorities concerned and the work will be started at once.

Cornwell stands on land recently bought by Mr. Anthony Gillson, who, after seeing the condition of some of the cottages, decided not to pull them down, but to demonstrate that the beauty of old English cottage architecture is not incompatible with modern standards of hygiene and comfort.

It is hoped that when the work is completed it will have been shown that a great deal of the destruction of old cottages at present going on is unnecessary.

The delicate task of making a modern "ideal home" within a sixteenth century framework is being done by Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis, the architect, who has interested himself in measures for the protection of the countryside.

He proposes to give Cornwell a main drainage system and a water supply laid on in every cottage—two innovations which are considered by the villagers to constitute a beneficent revolution.

Electric Light and Radio

In addition, every cottage will have electric light and wall plugs for wireless. Stairways will be made more convenient, windows will where necessary be enlarged, and damp walls will be remedied.

Gardens are to be laid out, allotments will be available for the villagers and a disused school is to be turned into a village hall. Yet when all these improvements have been completed, Cornwell will retain all its outwardly picturesque and ancient aspect.

Much of the work is being done under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, by which grants up to £100 can be obtained for reconstructing country cottages.

The people of Cornwell will live in their redesigned homes for rents which will not exceed 5s a week.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

A NEW novel is written backwards. Ends it how see to beginning the at begin will women that means this.

What is the first thing that strikes a visitor to Paris? asks a writer. A taxi in all probability.

A clever specialist claims to be able to manufacture noses. But any girl can make eyes.

Pedestrians may be divided into

two classes—the quick and the dead.

A man ran away twice from his wife, stated a witness in a police court case. If he is a sportsman he is probably under the impression that if he does it a third time he becomes his own property.

A Welsh husband and wife are both lawyers. As far as law is concerned most women lay it down but few take it up.

"Whisky drinkers decline," runs a headline. But not often.

"The Gay Centenarians"

In order to refute the doubts cast by certain foreign newspapers on the stories of aged people in the Balkans, especially in Yugoslavia, the Government newspaper "Vreme" has held an inquiry regarding centenarians living not in remote country districts, but in Belgrade itself.

Here are some of the discoveries made:

Magde Ivankovitch, the oldest inhabitant of Belgrade, is 116 years of age. She still smokes, drinks "rakija" (brandy distilled from plums) and eats well. She claims that she has been a smoker for over 100 years.

Her age is confirmed by documents of the Belgrade Municipality and by her birth certificate issued by the Parish priest. She has been married three times but has no children.

Vidosava Markovitch, aged 108, was born on June 28, 1830, at Nova Varosh in the Sandjak. This is proved by the birth records of her native town. She has never known a day's illness, still sings, drinks "rakija" freely, and can still see to knit and sew.

Kosta Tralkovitch, who is 105 years old, was born at Veles in 1832. He is a cheerful personality who likes his glass and his pipe still and admits that his knowledge of mathematics does not enable him to calculate how much "rakija" he has drunk in his long life.

These, it is stated, are but a few of the "gay centenarians" of Belgrade.

The "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on Thursday next at 4.00 p.m. and leaves Kowloon Wharf on Friday for Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul.

BARCELONA BLUES

Air Raid Precautions For Capital

Three weeks ago the new capital of the Republic was brightly lit at night. Now the Police have orders to enforce the covering up of all lights, and in some districts Barcelona is much darker than London was during the Great War.

All street lamps have been painted dark blue, and so have the lights at the entrances to the underground stations. Owners of newspaper stalls have substituted dark blue bulbs for the ordinary light ones above their stalls.

The painting of all the city's lights is an enormous task, but each night more street lights have "gone dark," and now the lights in buses and trams have also been painted blue, which makes reading almost impossible.

Cafes are painting their windows blue, and lorries and cars are often driven without headlights except where absolutely necessary.

The whole effect is quite picturesque and some of the smaller plazas look as if they were decorated with blue fairy lights.

WAR GALLANTRY RECALLED

During the War Major-Gen. A. C. Temperley, then Chief of Staff of the 60th Division, inquired for the names of two platoon commanders who had played a gallant part in resisting a Christmas Day attack on Jerusalem. Now he has met one of them for the first time since then. He is Sgt., now Dr., C. F. Jones, headmaster of the Sutton Secondary School, Plymouth.

The meeting was in Plymouth Guildhall, where Gen. Temperley, who is Military Correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post," distributed the school prizes.

Recalling the episode, he said: "On Christmas Day five divisions attacked us. They were beaten off largely because of the defence put up by a platoon on a small hill called Tell ed Ful. After the attack I went out to visit them."

In a letter, a copy of which was sent to the commanding officer of the battalion at the time, Gen. Temperley wrote:

"The number of dead, their closeness to the parapet, the bombs and shell holes are all witnesses to the grim struggle of your splendid men. They must have inflicted no less than 300 casualties in all. I should like to know who commanded the platoons and how many casualties they had."

He received a reply from the colonel of the regiment giving the platoon commanders as Sec.-Lt. R. H. Harris and Sgt. C. F. Jones."

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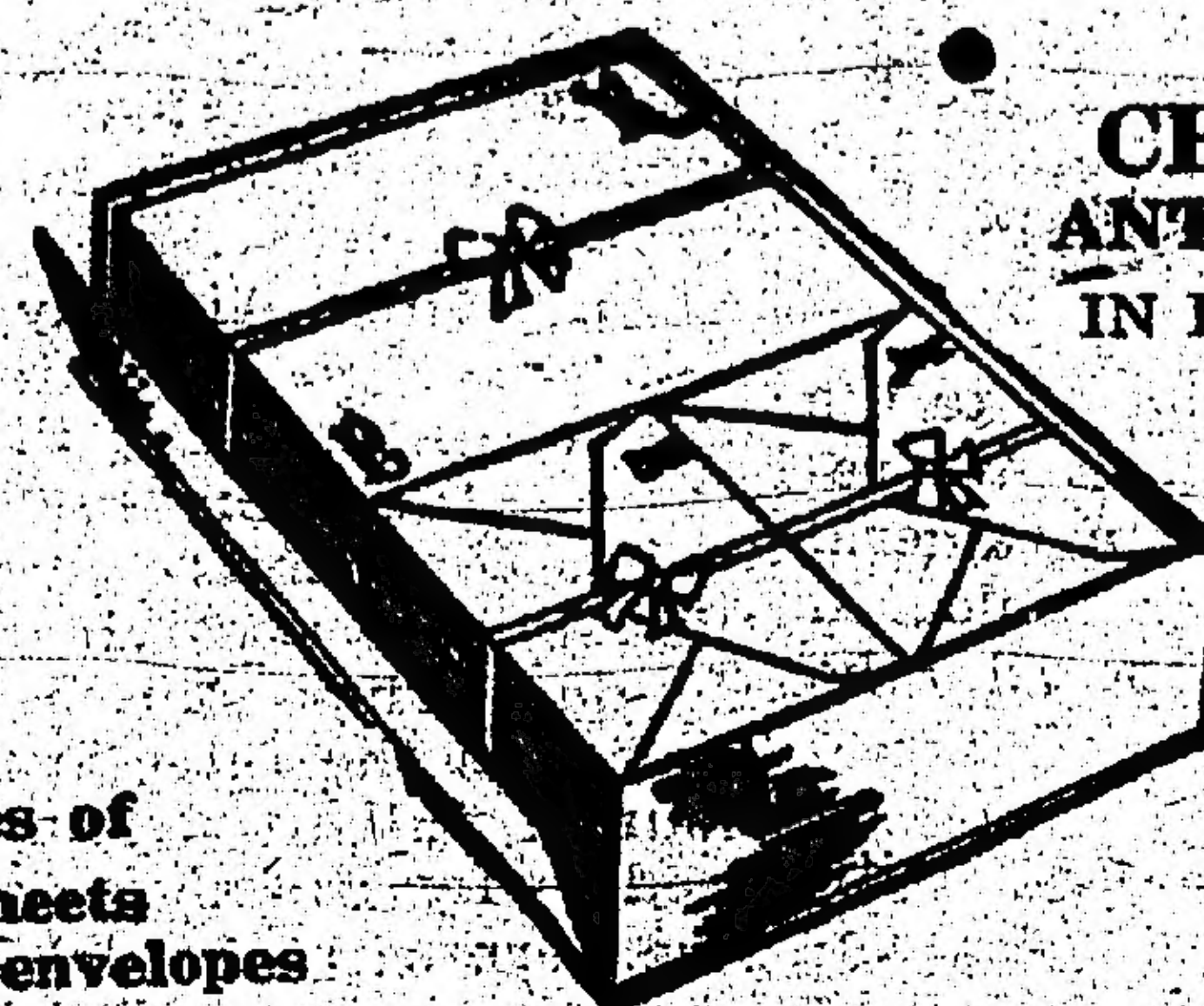
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CLAIMS POLICY OF NON-MENACE AND NON-AGGRESSION

Tokyo, To-day.

"If third powers are taking the Sino-Japanese hostilities as a pretext to build additional warships, it is purely due to misconstruction and distortion of the situation," declared Rear-Admiral Noda, spokesman of the Navy Ministry when interviewed yesterday concerning Japan's naval plans.

Japan, he added, was seeking only peace—in the Far East and throughout the rest of the world. Questioned concerning the allegation that the Japanese navy might be responsible for starting the race in tonnages and gun calibres, he replied that judging from express reports, the United States programme, as well as that of Soviet Russia, might be taken as initiating the naval race.

Rear-Admiral Noda declined to answer all questions concerning Japan's capital ships programme.

The strictest secrecy, he said, was always maintained regarding Japanese naval construction plans, and he was not acquainted with them.

The Japanese navy, however, he added, adhered to the policy of non-menace and non-aggression.

SHOULD BE TRUSTED

Replying to the suggestion that Japan's secrecy in this connection was in itself a menace to third powers, whose building programmes are published beforehand, the spokesman agreed that secrecy might cause uneasiness to outsiders, but added: "We insist that our policy of non-menace and non-aggression should be trusted."

Asked whether Japan's China policy was one of non-menace and non-aggression, Rear-Admiral Noda said: "This policy is the keynote of our entire military preparations."

"Even the present China affair was undertaken as a necessary step to establish peace in the Far East."

NAVAL CONFERENCE

Questioned concerning Japan's attitude towards a possible naval conference, he pointed out that the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, had already declared in the Diet that Japan was always ready to participate in a naval conference "if Japan's just attitude is accepted."

The Rear-Admiral revealed that in view of the international character of the Panay and Ladybird incidents, contrary to all Japanese Service precedents, the disciplinary action taken was communicated to Britain and the United States, "so far as necessary," with a request not to publish anything on the subject.

The spokesman said that Japan would not be invited to opening of the Singapore naval base, and he was unable to say, at present, where the nearest Japanese warships should be at the time of the celebrations.

YANGTSE BAN

Rear-Admiral Noda agreed that no merchant vessels of third powers had gone up the Yangtse since Ja-

panese occupation of Nanking, "owing to military necessity."

This prohibition, he added, was likely to continue for some time.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

Admiral Noda, Chief of the Naval Information Department, addressing foreign correspondents yesterday declared that the Japanese view of the execution of naval construction plans announced by Great Britain and America as well as of naval armament plans of Soviet Russia was that these decisive abandonments of naval strengths hitherto fixed by Treaty were accordingly equivalent to the beginning of a new naval armaments race.

DENIALS SUPERFLUOUS

Regarding rumours of Japan's alleged plan to build 46,000-ton battleships, Admiral Noda said that he was not informed of the Japanese naval construction plans hence he could not take responsibility for an official denial. But there were so many rumours now in circulation to build monster battleships that denials were superfluous.

Admiral Noda, in conclusion, emphasised that Japan now as heretofore was ready to take part in a new Naval Conference provided the well-known Japanese demands for quantitative disarmament of a common maximum limit in naval strengths would be made the subject of negotiations.—Trans-Ocean.

LITTLE ENTENTE FINISHED?

Prague, To-day.

"The Little Entente between Prague, Belgrade and Bucharest has, to all practical purposes, ceased to exist," declared the leader of the Rumanian Right Wing Party, the Iron Guard, M. Codreanu, yesterday.

M. Codreanu stated that the foreign policy of the Little Entente was connected "in a dangerous manner" with Left Wing tendencies, and is "dominated by certain large powers."—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH OF FORMER AMBASSADOR

Paris, To-day.

Count de Fleuriau, former French Ambassador to Britain, died at Ismailia on Wednesday evening following an operation.—Reuter.

SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY TO CHANGE HOME

Canton, To-day.

The National Sun Yat-sen University and the affiliated Middle School will remove to Loting county, on the West River, according to a decision by the authorities. Removal will be made during the coming holidays, classes opening in Loting next term.

Shekpei, present site of the University, is considered unsafe as it is frequently bombed by Japanese planes.—Reuter.

WAR IN CHINA UNITES RIVAL TONGS

The war in China has brought about a peace between two bitterly opposed Chinese tongs—famous Chinese secret societies.

Uniting under the symbol of a unicorn, depicted by a multi-coloured dragon-like head-piece carried through the streets of New York's Chinatown, members of the On Leong and Hip Sing tongs have taken part in a joint parade here.

The parade was part of a programme to raise funds for Chinese refugees in the war with the Japanese.

A little stretcher carried by toddling youngsters excited much sympathy. In it lay a doll, symbolic of the infant sufferers of the conflict.

Before the parade was over the stretcher was heavy with coins tossed into it by on-lookers.

A Chinese Boy Scout band took part playing martial music of the Western hemisphere. In the rear came their elders wearing native costumes and beating cymbals and gongs.

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IS BARBARITY INEVITABLE?

All has not yet been said that ought to be said about Japanese bombing here there and everywhere, and the slaughter of Chinese civilians far behind the fighting lines. The world has expressed its horror; it has talked about means of stopping or restricting the fighting which produces such outrages; but little about tracing them to their prime cause — the mentality which makes it possible for human beings to engage in war in this kind of way.

In the name of candour it has been laid down as an axiom that since war is a wicked thing in its nature, a nation engaged in war and fighting for its existence will stick at nothing and will be deterred by no scruples whatsoever from committing any atrocity which will break down the physical power and morale of its enemy. Thus we are assured that however terrible and contrary to the individual human conscience certain actions are, nevertheless in war they will be committed.

Peaceable and peace-loving persons, advocating peace measures, have asserted again and again that these and all the worst imaginable horrors are inevitable in war. Earl Baldwin, two years ago, when announcing the need for increasing the Royal Air Force drew a gloomy picture of the nature of aerial attack in the next war. The London "Times," only a few weeks ago, in speaking of the ruthless action of the Japanese in attacking non-combatants, blamed them rather for having precipitated war than for their conduct in the war — appearing to admit that ruthlessness, when once war has been declared, is inevitable.

The question arises whether thoughtful persons in civilised countries ought to tolerate these now almost general admissions about the inevitability of unlimited barbarism in war and whether these admissions do not promote the very evil that is deplored. True, it is no good to shelter ourselves behind amiable illusions; nor is it any good to shirk recognition of the darkest possibilities of war. But to regard the worst as certain is to make it certain.

We ought to be prepared, in war as in peace, to mobilise world opinion against a breaking of rules; then the knowledge that world opinion would be against the offender would be a powerful deterrent. In time of peace some attention should be given to the effort to restrict the horrors of war — an effort which history shows not to be

vain. Even in the brutalities of medieval Europe there were codes of "chivalry" which compelled belligerents to observe certain conventions. If we allow ourselves to accept the "realistic," the "inevitable," view of war's barbarities, then we are helping to provide those who perpetrate them with a moral excuse. Public opinion should be discouraged from drifting into this dangerous error, even while it is being educated against the dangerous error of drifting into war.

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The New Russia

The decree of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party in Russia, ordering immediate cessation of indiscriminate expulsions by petty and over-zealous Party leaders, is one of the most interesting developments in the Moscow picture for some considerable time. The decree insists forcibly upon enforcement of the guarantee of the right to work, insists that those who have lost positions because they have been expelled from the Party be reinstated, and overcomes resistance by those who might plead "incompetence" as excuse for dismissals by declaring that other employment must be found in such cases. Two exceedingly important indications may be found within the decree. In the first place, the existing economic democracy is clearly extended further into the realm of political democracy by the curb placed upon petty autocrats, who act in Russia as they act all over the world when individuals of "big ideas" are invested with a little brief authority. A more judicial attitude will be adopted to those accused of wavering from the "straight and narrow path" of Communistic ideology, and the crime of punishing families for the errors of individuals members is to go. Secondly, the decree reveals that Russia to-day does contain within it an effective public opinion. Internal rumblings of dissatisfaction may have compelled the decree, but it is none the less a good sign that grievances were permitted expression and given serious consideration leading to corrective action.

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Roads Over Europe

There is a brave sound about the proposed London-Istanbul road; in a world which in the ordinary way cultivates obstructions to international traffic with the utmost diligence and success there is a more refreshing ring about plans for a motor highway which, apart from a little bit of a water-splash between Dover and Calais, would run all the way from the Thames to the Golden Horn. And the scheme has now gone so far as its first Conference between representatives of the various countries concerned; the delegates met at Budapest last week and duly elected the deputy chief engineer of our own Ministry of Transport as the first president of the Conference's permanent committee. Hungary, as a matter of fact, has already finished, or almost finished, her share of the trans-Continental road and it is about to be opened to the public; there are plenty of good roads in most of the other countries which can be fitted into the proposed scheme.

JAPAN THROWS ALL RESERVES INTO LINE

Worried By Chinese Offensives On Several Fronts

EXTREME COLD HAMPERING MILITARY OPERATIONS

OUTRAGE IN BRITISH CONCESSION

Tientsin, To-day.

Ten Chinese gunmen entered the British Concession last night and raided the residence of General Li Tu, in Bombay Road.

The gunmen demanded the appearance of General Li, who is a former subordinate of General Ma Chan-shan, the former guerilla leader.

When it was learned that General Li is at present in Hankow, the gunmen shot and mortally wounded a nephew of the General, seriously wounded another nephew and slightly wounded a third occupant of the residence, after which they decamped.

STAND-TO SEQUEL

The outrage followed the Anglo-Japanese friction arising from the Japanese demand for surrender of an alleged Chinese agitator, whom the British police had detained but refused to hand over owing to lack of incriminating evidence.

In connection with the Japanese demand, the British military authorities ordered the stand-to.—Reuter.

RESTAURANT LOCK-OUT IN STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, To-day.

Visitors and hotel guests were greatly inconvenienced by a lock-out by hotel, restaurant and cafe owners as a result of a demand for a wage increase by employees.

Visitors in hotels during the night searched fruitlessly for accommodation in boarding houses, and many have been taken in by private families temporarily.

Large queues waited at restaurants and cafes but were unable to get meals.

Those city workers who usually lunch in town had to bring sandwiches to the office.—Reuter.

MYSTERY OF BRITISH SHIP TRAGEDY ON

Barcelona, To-day.

The official list of casualties on the steamer "Torpeness" is four killed, three missing and seven wounded, two of them gravely.—Reuter.

Reuter gives no hint as to whether the ship was bombed or torpedoed.

CHINESE PRESS ON WUHU FRONT

Hankow, To-day.

Japan's reply to the Chinese initiative in increasing the number of troops in various sectors, and the beginning of a large-scale offensive on several fronts, has been to throw all available new reserves into the battle lines, especially along the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lunghai Railway lines.

Reports from Shantung indicate that troop concentrations at strategical points on the Tientsin-Pukow line are continuing, though neither side has shown any indication of taking an active offensive.

The extreme cold which is prevailing has considerably hampered military operations.

Opinion prevails in Hankow that the Japanese still feel themselves too weak to undertake any major action in Shantung, and are waiting for further reinforcements or until operations on other fronts make withdrawal of the Chinese necessary.

Severe fighting is reported from Hsuehchow, where it is believed that Japanese troops, advancing north, have either occupied or are seriously threatening Linghaikuan, at a central point on the railway 180 kilometres north-west of Nanking.

ADVANCE ON WUHU

The situation in the Wuhu sector, on the Yangtse above Nanking, has not changed to any considerable extent.

The Chinese have advanced to within ten kilometres of Wuhu itself but because of heavy rain, activities have been slowed down.

The Japanese in the Wuhu sector have been reinforced, additional forces sent to this front including 60 tanks and armoured cars.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE GIRL WANTS TO JOIN AIR FORCE

Canton, To-day.

A Chinese girl has just arrived in Canton to join the air force, reports the Canton "Gazette."

She is Miss Lin Peng-sei, a native of Fukien Province.

She has lived in the United States for several years and there learned to fly and also studied aerial warfare.

She is leaving for Hankow shortly.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE UNIONS AND BOYCOTT

London, To-day.

The attitude of British Trades Unions and Labour movements towards a boycott of Japanese goods, is being determined at a series of meetings in London.

No statement was issued at the conclusion of the meeting of the National Council of Labour yesterday, the question of the policy to be adopted being left over till the joint meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, the executive of the Labour Party and the executive of the parliamentary Labour Party.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SHIP BOMB RUMOUR IN SEATTLE

Seattle, To-day.

The Japanese liner "Hiye Maru" was moved from her moorings yesterday after the police had reported detention of a man who said that a bomb had been planted on board the vessel with a time clock to blow her up. A friend of the arrested man had been found dead in the water near the liner a few hours earlier.—Reuter.

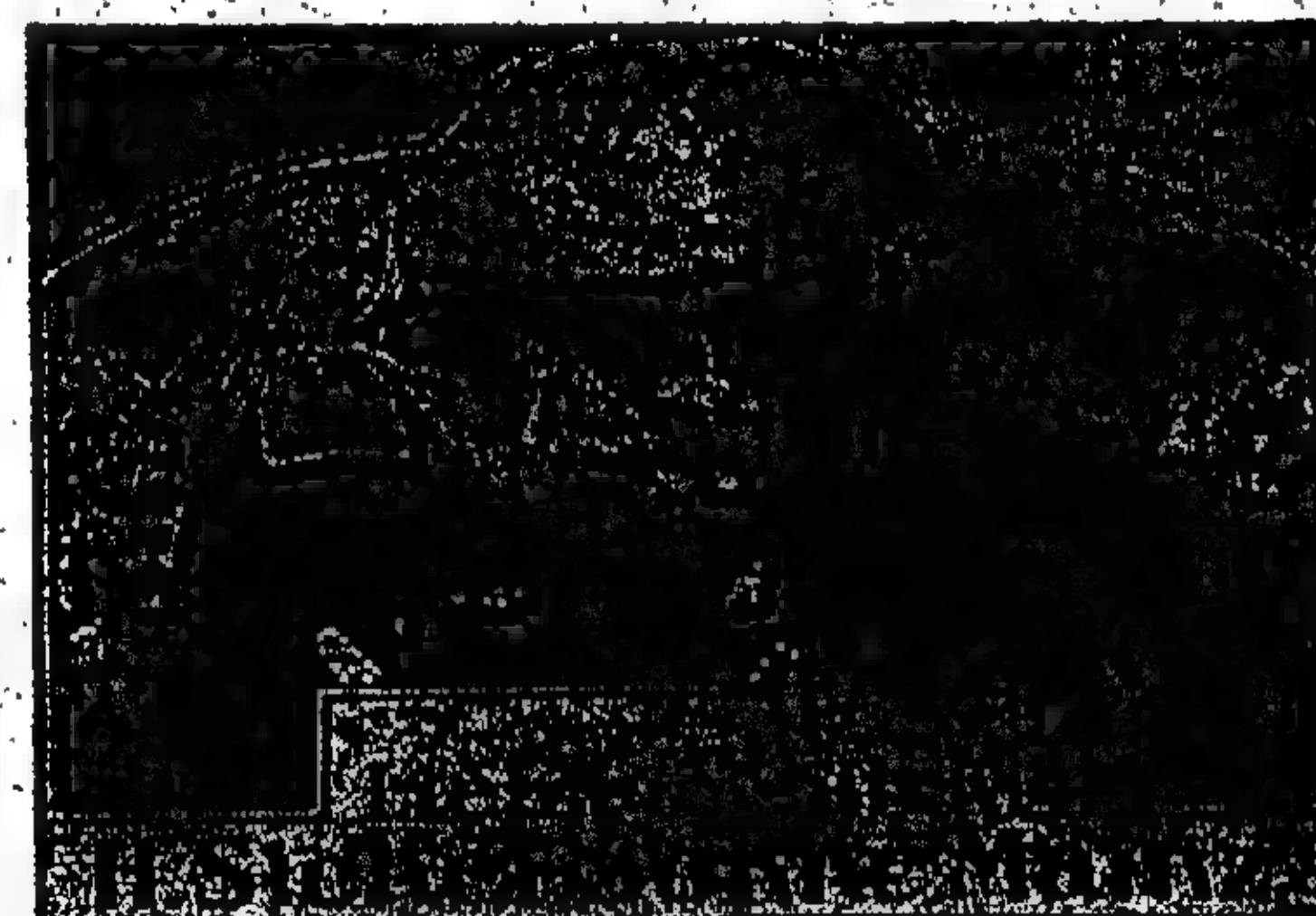
ATTEMPTED LANDING IN HAINAN

Hoihow, To-day.

Japanese in motorboats attempted a landing yesterday morning at Yolinkan Bay, in south Hainan, under cover of a barrage from three warships and one plane.

They left after engagements with the local garrison.—Reuter.

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STORY OF SUPERSTITION AND TRICKERY

Li Tai, aged 47, a married woman, was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with the theft of a gold coin, valued at \$31, by means of a trick on October 28.

The defendant pleaded not guilty and the case was adjourned for 24 hours.

Lo Kui, complainant, said she first met defendant when visiting a friend at No. 223, Des Voeux Road Central, some time in October. Defendant overheard a conversation in which complainant told her friend that she had been suffering from pains in the chest for some time and had tried many doctors for relief, but had failed. Defendant offered to cure her by

MAJOR WILLIAMS TO MARRY

The forthcoming wedding of Major Henry William Richard Williams, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Helen Elizabeth Rowe, en route to the Colony by the s.s. Empress of Asia, has been announced.

giving her joss water and powder. Complainant agreed and gave her \$18.60. A few days later she gave another \$4 with which to purchase pork, eggs and rice as an offering in worship to procure the cure. Some time later, defendant told her that a gold coin would be required to be deposited at the shrine of the gods and that the coin would be returned in two months. Complainant purchased a gold cash, valued at \$31, and in the presence of her sister-in-law handed the coin over to defendant.

At the end of two months, com-

NEW BRITISH AMBASS Flying To Baghdad To Wind Up Affairs

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, new British Ambassador to China, has now altered his plans.

He will fly to Baghdad on Monday to wind up one or two affairs, incompleting owing to suddenness of his transfer to China.

He and Lady Clark-Kerr, who is still in Baghdad, will fly on to Bombay and thence will travel on the P. and O. "Kaiser-i-Hind" to Shanghai.

CONGRESS TO REJECT HONOURS

Lucknow, To-day.

The Assembly of the United Provinces yesterday passed a resolution that the practice of conferring titles by the King and the Viceroy on members of Congress be discontinued.

A similar resolution was passed by the Assembly of Bombay recently.—Reuter.

plainant called to get her coin back and found defendant had removed but was able to locate her. At first, defendant said that it would be returned in a few days but on the next visit, defendant denied all knowledge of the matter.

Defendant said that as the result of a quarrel with her principal tenant, who was a friend of the complainant, they had brought a false charge against her.

Sir Archibald, interviewed by Reuter yesterday, said his first duty will be to present his credentials to the President of the Chinese Republic, probably at Chungking.

He could not say where he would reside until he reaches China.

Sir Archibald has devoted the past fortnight to intensive study of the Far Eastern situation.

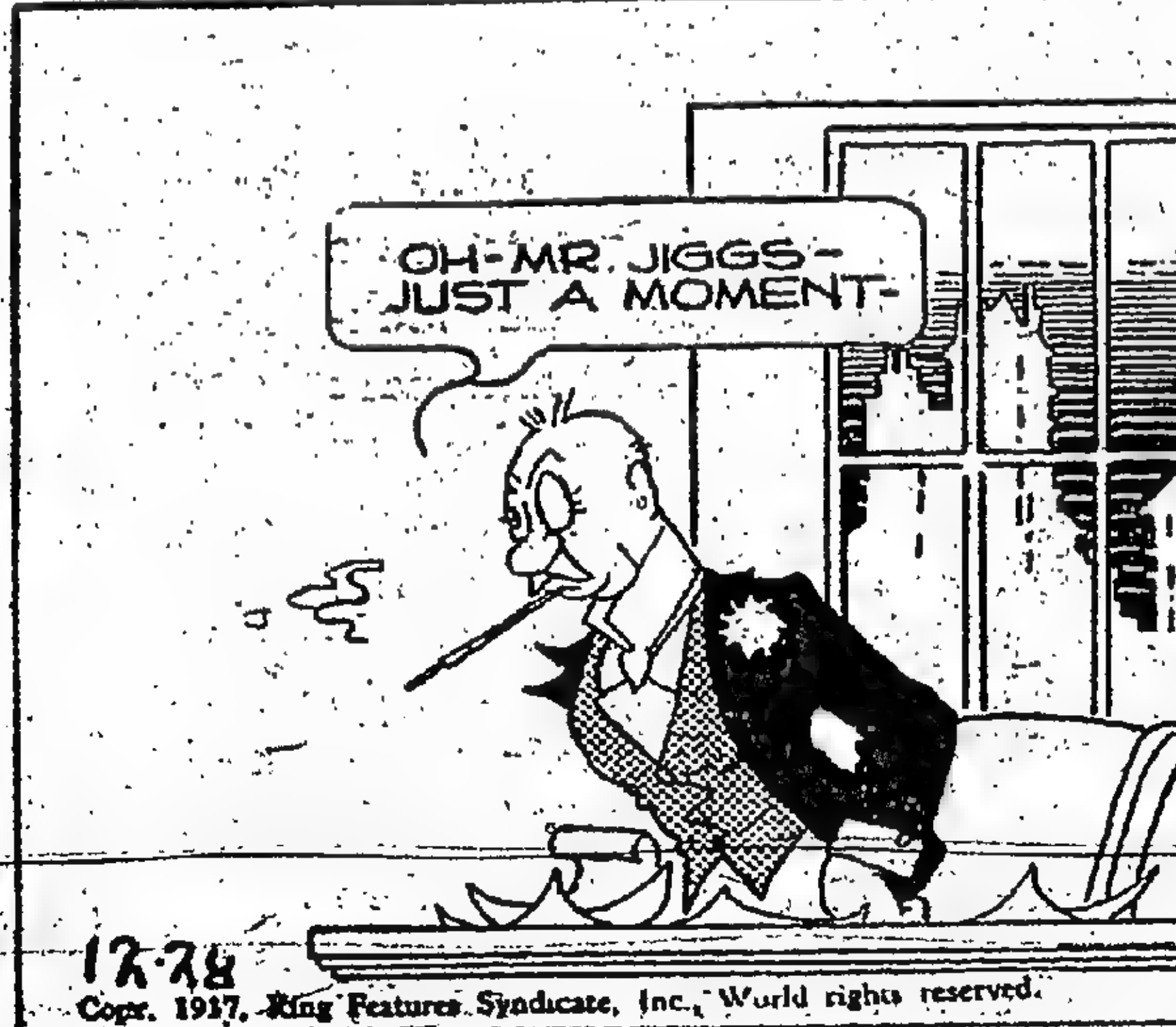
KEEN INSIGHT

The new Ambassador is a most attractive personality, with a simple and direct manner. Physically active and vigorous, he impresses one as a man of keen insight and resolute character.

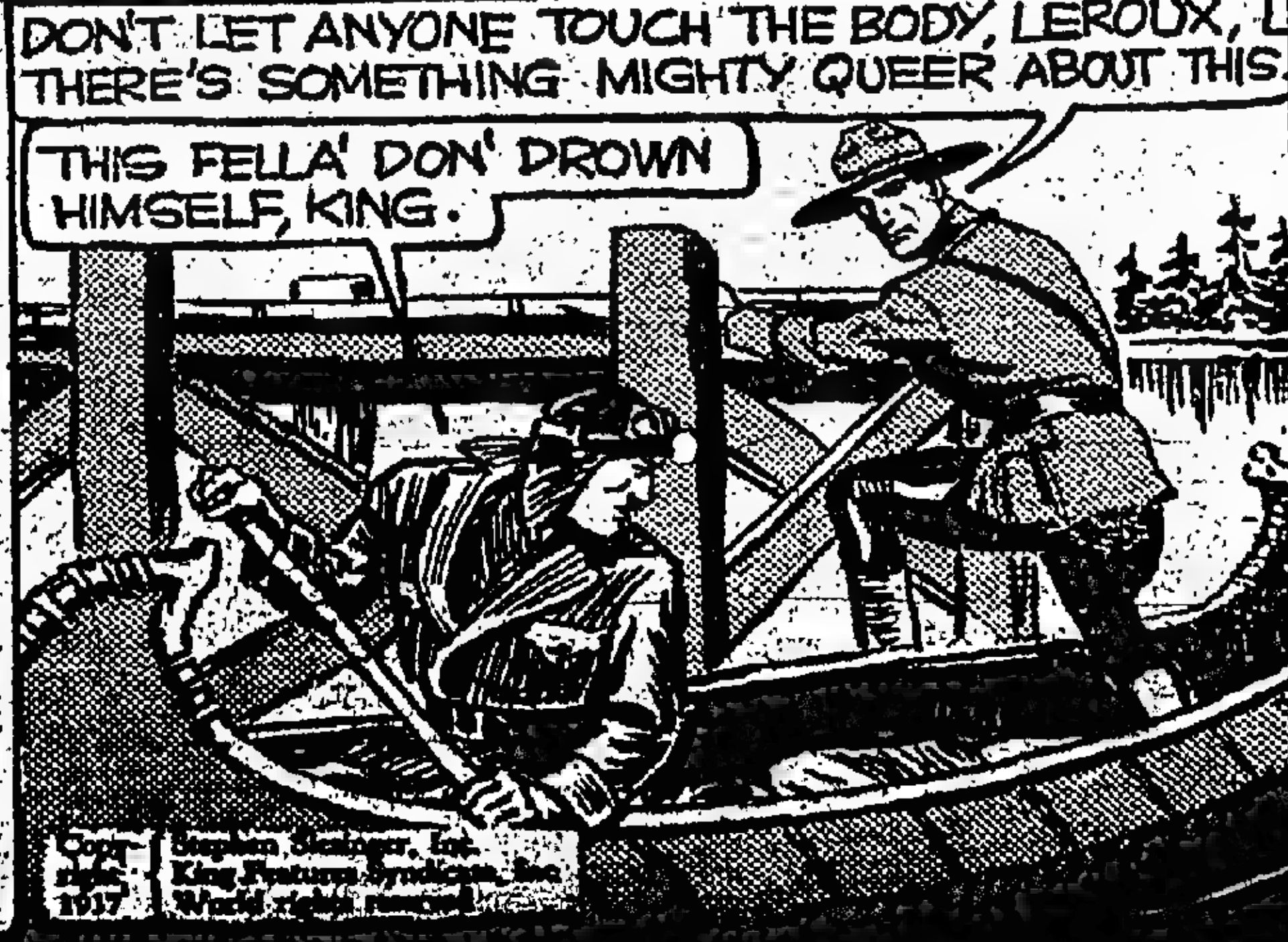
His personal tastes are very catholic. Equally an enthusiast in sport and shooting, he also is a devotee of literature, and is a particular admirer of the modern school of poetry headed by T. S. Eliot and Edith Sitwell.

Sir Archibald is keenly looking forward to his anxious but stimulating duties in China.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, JANUARY 21, 1938

LOOKING back on an eventful life, my holiday in Paris in 1906 stands out vividly in my memory. I had been very glad to escape from affairs in England, and arrived in Paris looking forward to three weeks to be spent in pleasing myself. But I was wrong, and little did I know when I got out of the train that I was about to walk into a series of circumstances which were, to say the least of them, dramatic.

I had arranged to stay at an old-fashioned hotel, now pulled down, but which stood, in those days, near to the Place de l'Opera. Here I got my first surprise. There was a letter awaiting me; and, as there were only two or three people in England who knew where I intended to spend my holiday, I wondered what pressing business had caused one of them to write.

The letter was from an old friend, Vernaude. He was a man well-known and respected in the Midlands, and his death some years ago left a blank in my life which it will be difficult to fill. He was well blessed with this world's goods and was extremely fond of his eldest son, who was, at this time, about twenty-two years of age and who had been travelling on the Continent.

Vernaude's letter to me contained some news which, had it come from anyone else, I should have promptly disregarded. It was about his son. Apparently, the young man was in Paris and, for some months, had been making a fool of himself over some woman, thought to be an actress. The matter, apparently, had assumed serious proportions in the father's mind, for it seemed that he had, some six or seven weeks before, instructed a firm of enquiry agents named Turands to endeavour to straighten out the mess into which the boy had got himself, but, apparently, these agents found the matter more difficult than they had anticipated.

Vernaude entreated me to go and see them and to endeavour to put the matter straight. I was annoyed, but, short of writing and telling him that I was not going to bother myself about the business, there was nothing to do but to go and see the Turands firm and to hope that, between us, we could deal with the situation, whatever it was and that I could continue with my holiday, which had been interrupted before it had begun!

Next morning I paid them a visit. I have had a great deal to do with enquiry agents in the course of my life-time and found this firm very much like all others. The story was on the usual lines.

The young man had made the acquaintance of an actress, who was a member of a touring company and who had secured an engagement at one of the small halls in the vicinity of the Folies Bergeres. The young man, apparently, considered himself in love with her and, it seemed, had "advanced" her most of the allowance which he was receiving from his father. He had made more and more demands on Ver-

"BLACKMAIL"

naude for money, and, eventually, becoming suspicious, my friend had requested the enquiry agents to advise him as to the situation.

Emile Turands, the senior partner, a bald-headed, little man with ferrety eyes, spread his hands and shrugged his shoulders as he acquainted me with the facts.

"Monsieur Thomas, this is not an easy business," he said. "This woman has already made a reputation for herself in several parts of the world. In Barcelona last year a young officer shot himself as a result of some *affaire* with her, and she has been connected, under half-a-dozen names, with several cases of blackmail. At first we thought that this matter could be easily cleared up, but no, she refuses to have anything to do with us. She says that her association with the young Varney is a bona fide one; that he has promised to marry her, that he is of age, and she sees no reason why the ceremony should not take place. Unfortunately, the boy's attitude is also difficult. He believes that he is in love with this woman and

them, and when I laughed at him he produced a bundle of I.O.U.s, which certainly bore my signature.

"And I'm afraid it is my signature," he said. "You see, during the last four or five weeks there have been parties at Lisette's apartment practically every night. I stayed there very late and I was not often sober. I expect that I signed these things without knowing what I was doing, but who's going to believe that?"

I nodded. Well, what else did this brother threaten!" I said.

"He said that he had got a whole packet of foolish love letters which I had written to his sister," young Vernaude continued, "and that he was going to protect her interests; that I must stop seeing her immediately and that I must arrange to pay the sums due to her at once."

"Of course, you don't owe her anything really," I said.

"Not a sou," he said miserably. "In fact, on one pretext or another she's had every penny of my allowance for months and I've even sold such jewellery as I had to give her money."

"Well, it looks as if you're in a

frenzy of rage:

"M'sieur, you insult me! I do not understand you! There is no question of any settlement! I desire to get back for my sister the money she has so foolishly lent this young scoundrel; and to protect her from his further impertinent persecutions! If you will hand me the money that is due on the I.O.U.s I will hand them to you, together with the letters. If not, I will wish you a very good day, M'sieur!"

"And what is the amount you suggest is due to your sister?" I asked, coldly.

"I do not suggest anything, M'sieur! There is an I.O.U., duly signed by your friend, for every sou—and the total amount is fifty thousand francs!"

Phew! I almost whistled at that—for in those days fifty thousand francs equalled practically two thousand pounds!

"I will double my original offer!" I told him. "One thousand francs! You know perfectly well that—!"

"The door is just behind you, and it is a very fine morning!" the scoundrel interrupted. "*Bon jour, M'sieur!*"

I emerged from that interview feeling thoroughly disheartened. I badly wanted to be of service to my old friend, Vernaude, but here, it seemed, was an *impasse* from which there was no way out!

Late that night I had an idea. I remembered an old friend of mine who kept a restaurant in the Place Pigalle and who knew the Paris underworld very well.

I went to him, told him the story, and asked his advice.

When I had finished he shrugged his shoulders.

"My friend," he assured me, "this young man of yours is in a very awkward predicament—especially when you remember our laws in regard to owing money are not so gentle as your English ones! It looks to me as though—But wait a moment—!"

He reflected for a moment, and then said:

"There is just a possible chance! Listen, M'sieur Thomas. There is in Paris a certain man—a what you call a crook—maybe a bigger crook than this Lisette and her rascal brother! They will be, as it were, rivals in business, and so I think, for a few hundred francs, he might help you!"

"You mean—commit a burglary? Steal the I.O.U.s, or something like that?" I asked, doubtfully.

He shrugged his shoulders. "How can I say what methods he will adopt?" But if you care to see him I will arrange an interview. What do you say?"

I did not quite like the idea of resorting to such means, but I accepted my friend's distum that it was the only possible hope. So I agreed, and an appointment was fixed for that evening at my own hotel.

Very much to my surprise, when I came to meet him I found that this denizen of the Paris underworld—whose name I must not mention—was quite a charming and genial little man. It is true he had a face that reminded me of a ferret; that his eyes were singularly small and keen, and his mouth much the shape of a rat-trap, but he was

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Short Story By William Thomas, M.B.E.

refuses to hear anything against her. We have tried mainly to show him aspects of her character which might make him change his mind, but he will not even listen."

After some talk it was quite obvious to me that the Turands people knew their business very well, and if they could not succeed I did not see how it was possible for me to do very much. However, I secured from them the address of the hotel at which young Vernaude was staying, and when I left their offices I went round to see him.

I came straight to the point. I told him that I had been to see Turands and that they had given me excellent proof of the character of the woman with whom he imagined himself in love; that I thought the best thing he could do would be to put an end to this *affaire* as quickly as possible and return to England.

After my interview with the detectives I expected to be met with violent opposition from the young man, but his attitude was very different. He seemed frightened, and, after a great deal of pressing, he came out with the truth.

"They're right, Mr. Thomas," he said, "and I've been a fool, but I only discovered that this morning. I have got myself into an awful mess."

I asked him what had happened. "About two hours ago," he said, "a man came round here to see me. He said he was Lisette's brother. Apparently, he knew all about us. He accused me of having borrowed fairly large sums of money from his sister and of not having repaid

tight corner," I said. "If we go to the police they'll produce the I.O.U.s and your love letters as a proof that you were in a position to borrow money from her, and I've no doubt that they can also produce friends who will say that she lent you money. Obviously, they're a gang of crooks. Still, we mustn't give in too easily to them. Do you know where this precious brother is to be found?"

He nodded.

"Very well," I told him. "I will do the best I can, but, obviously, you are in an awkward position. Plainly, the first thing for me to do is to see this brother, if you will give me the address."

He did so, and I left him.

Next day I telephoned and made an appointment with the brother. The address given me was that of a second-rate hotel, and I duly called there and saw the fellow in his own apartment. He was a smooth-tongued and plausible enough ruffian, with, I suspected, a strong *fleur* for histrionics.

"Now, M'sieur," I said to him, "we are both men of the world! We both—ahem—understand things—" (by which I meant him to understand that I was aware of his little game). "—Now this, it seems to me, is a matter that can possibly be settled between us!"

"And what, M'sieur," he demanded, "do you mean by settling?"

I smiled meaningfully, and produced a well-filled wallet.

"Shall we say—five hundred francs, for the I.O.U.s and the letters?" I suggested.

He immediately fell into a fine



A fine view of a race at Kwanti taken by our Staff photographer.

Not Exacting

I've never wanted a wife to darn my socks and mend my shirts. All I ever wanted was a wife with enough money to buy me new socks and shirts long before my others ever needed darning or mending.

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On Account

"I hear," remarked Mrs. A. (you know her), "that that nice young Mrs. B. got all her furniture on the hire-purchase."

"Yes," said Mrs. C. (you know her, too). "She is feathering her nest—is she not?—with a little down."

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Inventiveness Discouraged

"I don't mind what you do to your face, Miss Nimble, but please avoid make-up in the letters I dictate to you."

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Cheers From The Kiddies!

The best way to serve bread pudding is to place it in a pan, step to the back door, and say: "Chick! Chick!"

Agreed at Last

"I always thought you were such a brave man when I married you."

"Yes, so did everyone else."

And then there was a beautiful girl-elephant who could make an elephant forget anything.

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Fellow Conspirators

"Hoskins, the cook advises me that you were badly intoxicated last night and that you were trying to roll a barrel out of the basement. Can this be true?"

"Yes, sir."

"And where was I during this time?"

"In the barrel, sir."

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Or That There?

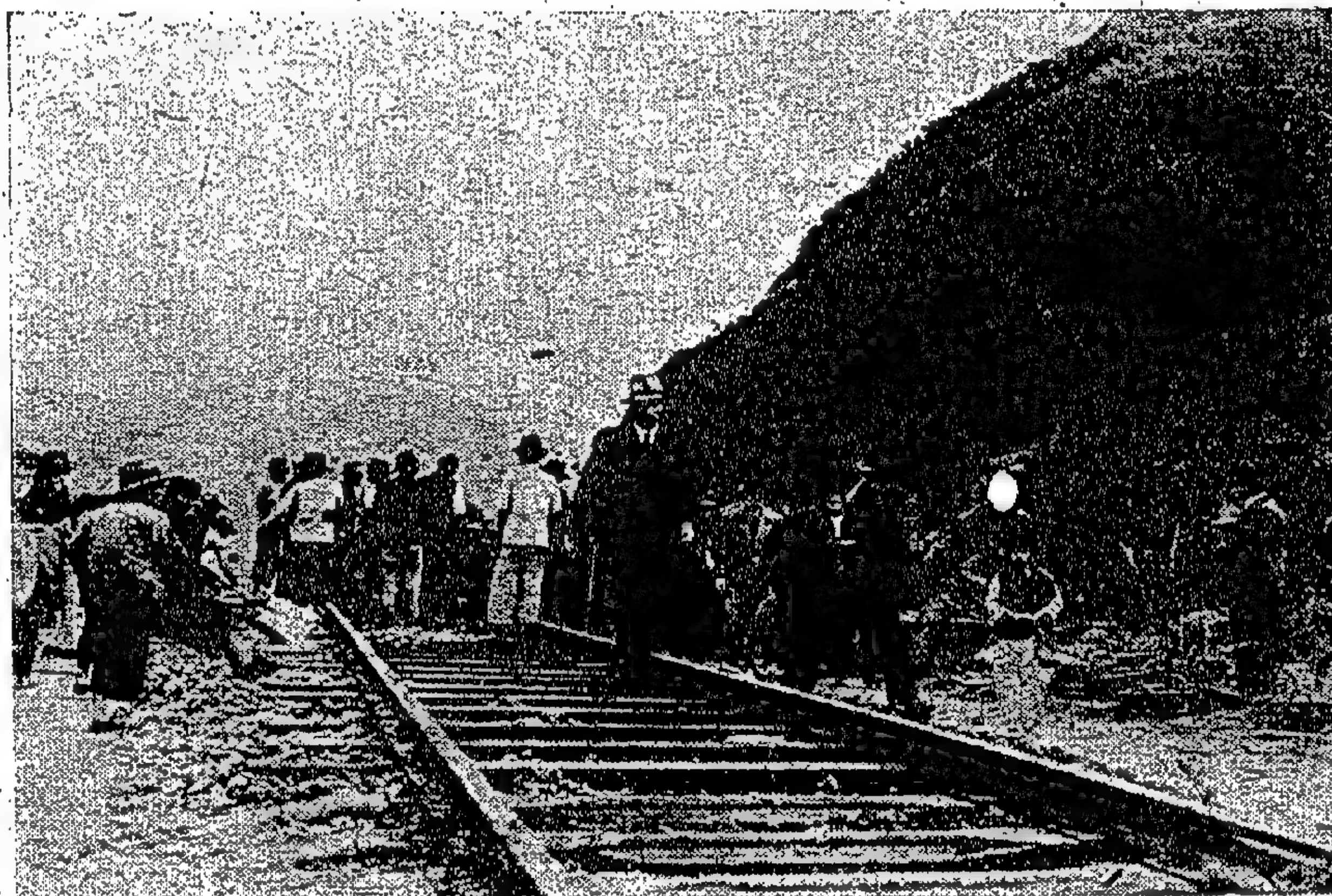
"You know," said the doctor, "the source of your trouble is this car."

"This 'ere what?" said the patient.

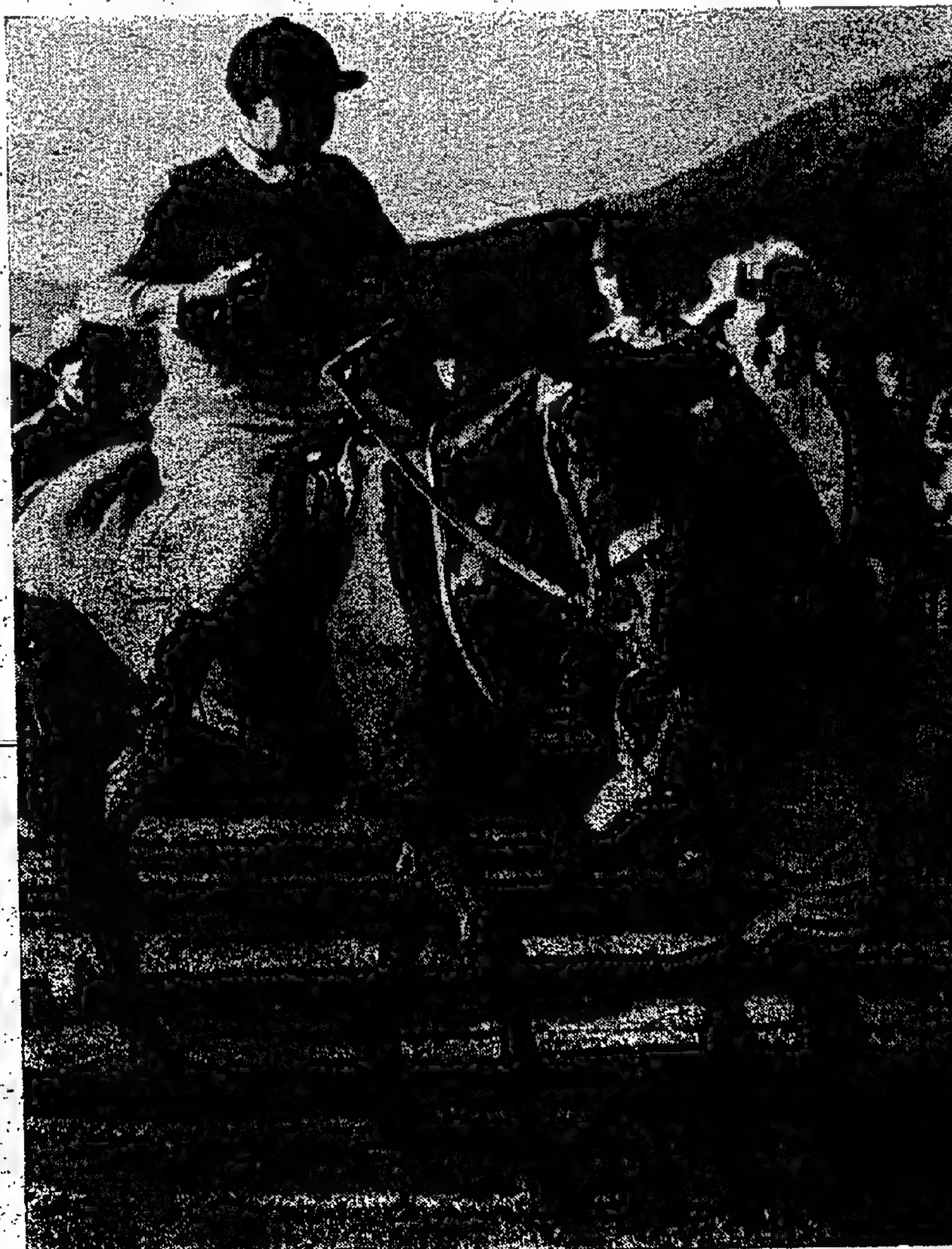
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Joke for the Children

I read that schoolmasters are thinking of abolishing the cane. So there will be no more school-boy howlers.



Passengers and the repair gang following the accident to the Canton Belle last Sunday. ("Mail" photo).



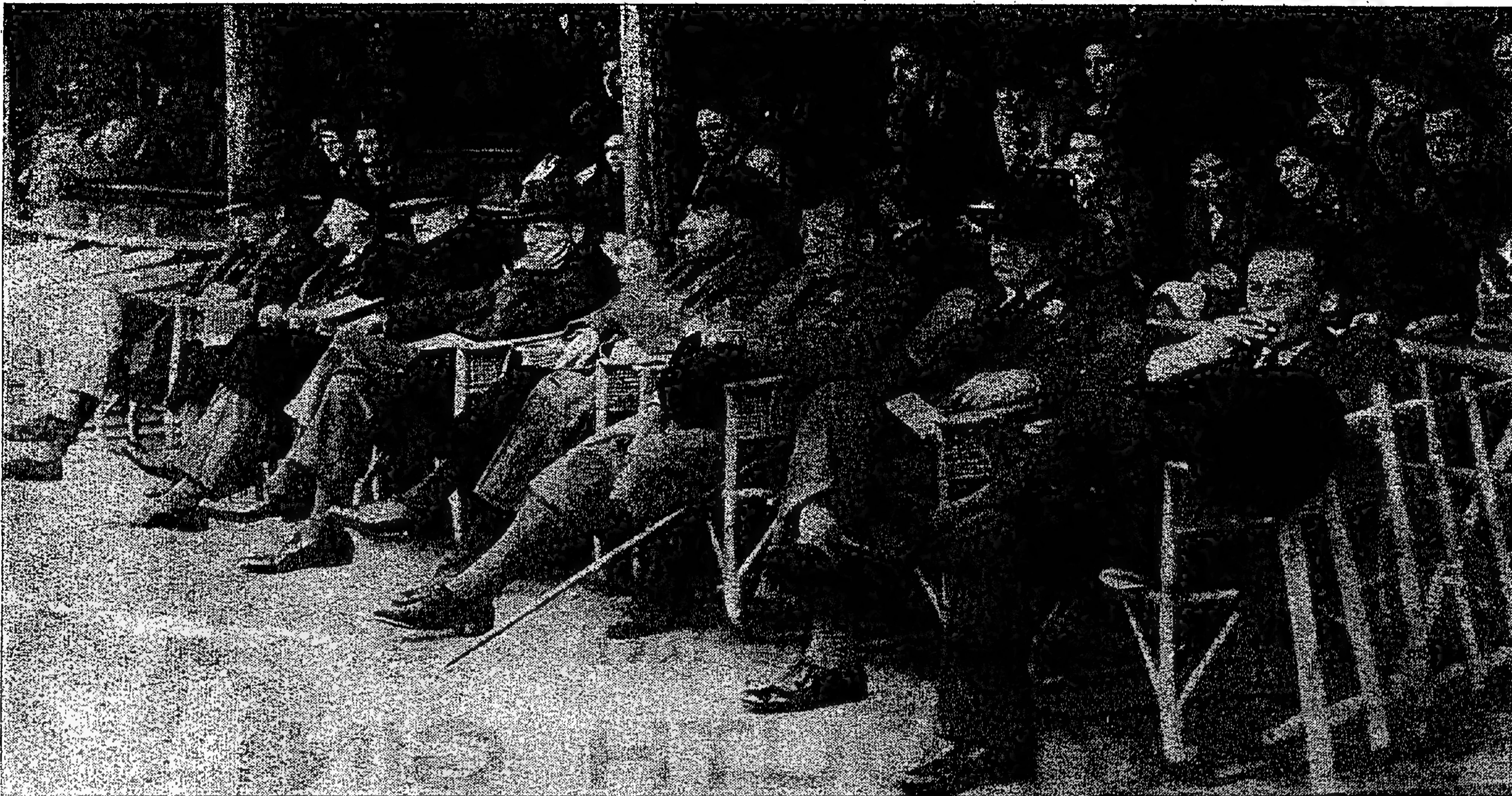
Miss P. Scott-Harston leading in her own pony Araxy (W. H. S. Davis) after it had won the Hunter's Hurdle Race at Kwanti last Sunday. ("Mail" photo).

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An entrant for the Ladies' Scurry at the Fanling Race Meeting last Sunday at Kwanti, is seen above waiting for her event with friends. ("Herald" photo).



Miss Betty Fair on M. F. L. Haymes' Zero which won the Ladies' Scurry at the Fanling Race Meeting last week at Kwanti, is seen being led in after winning the race.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Exception to the Rule

A sure way to success, declares a judge, is to keep your eyes open and your mouth shut. Successful crooners, of course, reverse this process.

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Let Her Do It!

It is a waste of time to contradict a woman, says a magistrate. If you let her carry on long enough she'll generally contradict herself.

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Two Of Us

Letter from one of my creditors: "Dear sir, I must insist on you settling your account before the 22nd..."

Another humorous writer!

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So What?

Customs Officer (producing a bottle of whisky): "I thought you said there were only your clothes in that trunk?"

Aberdonian: "Aye, that's ma nightcap."

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What A Life!

Comedian: "Have you an opening for me?"

Producer: "There's one behind you, but close it as you go out."

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All Of

The Indians are said to have been the first beauty specialists. They say that the Red Indian practice of scalping was a dandy cure for dandruff.

Explained

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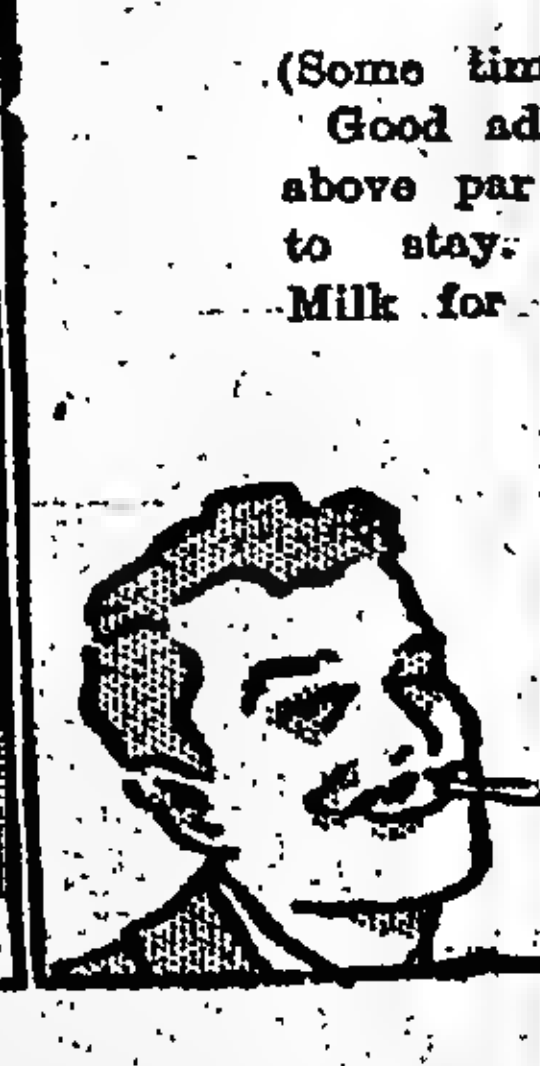
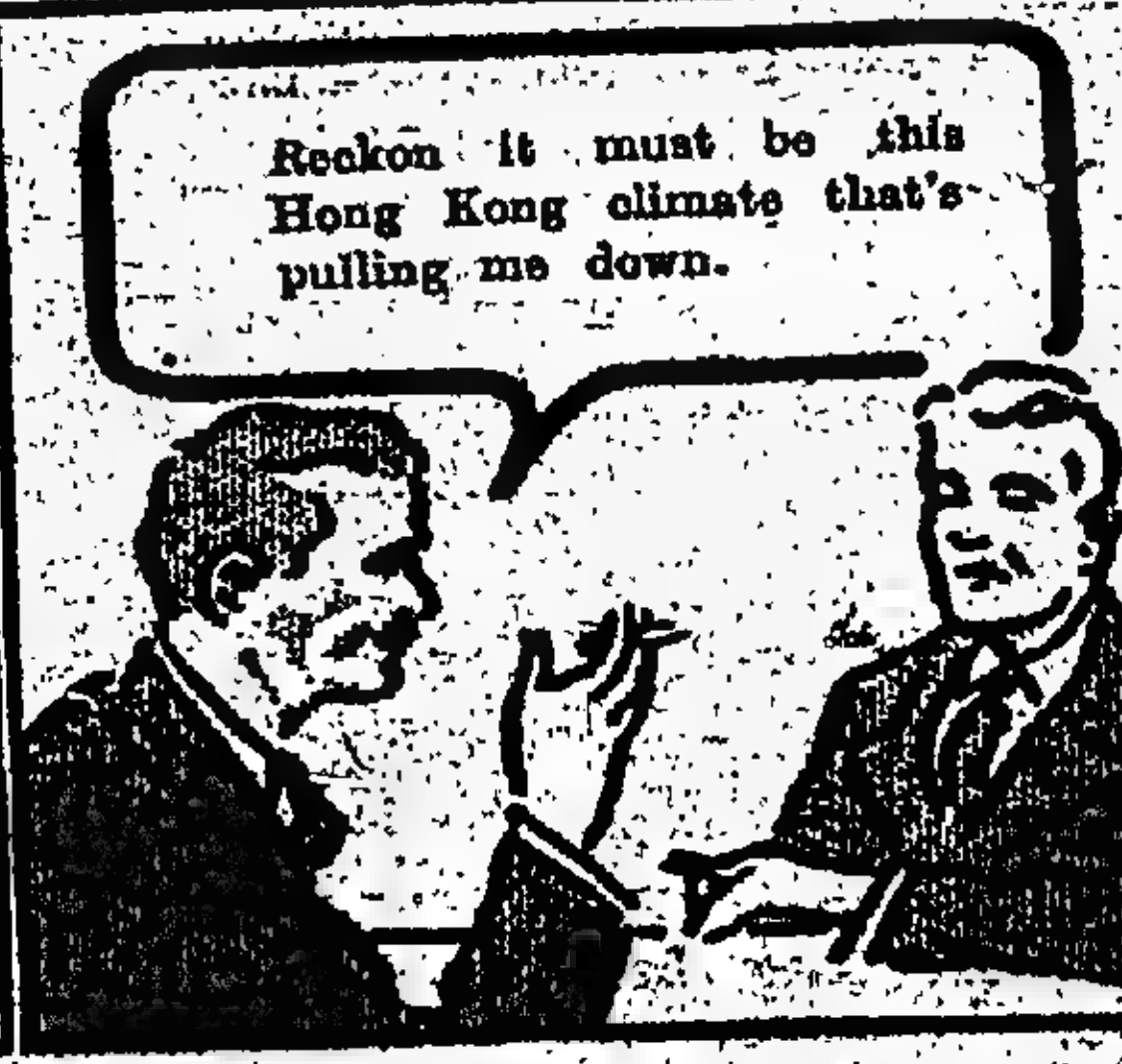
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Darlington (1)
Carlisle (1)

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Doncaster
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Accrington
GATESHEAD

N (SOUTH)

NEWPORT (0)
BRIGHTON (0)
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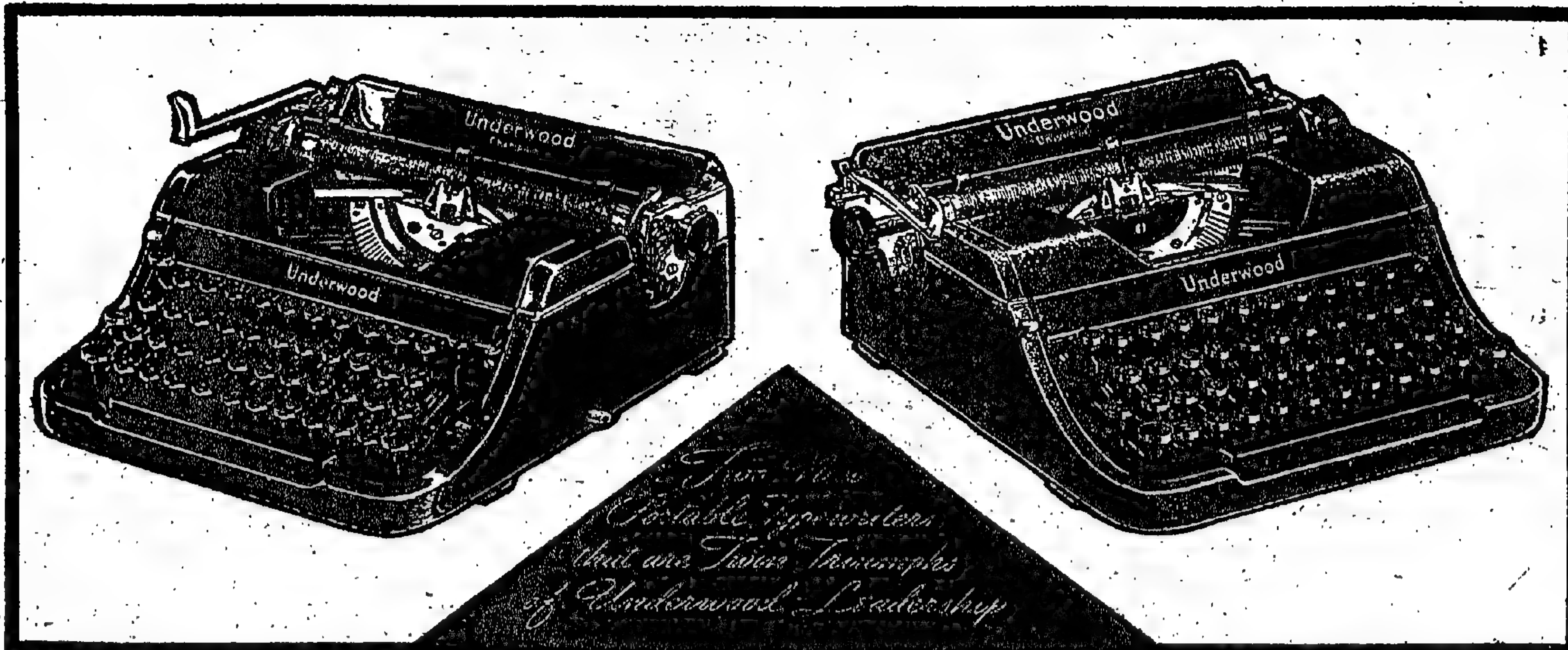


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MORTON	v	Peterhead
St. Johnstone	v	ARBROATH
ALBION	v	Dundee
AYR	v	East Stirling
Dundee United	v	HEARTS
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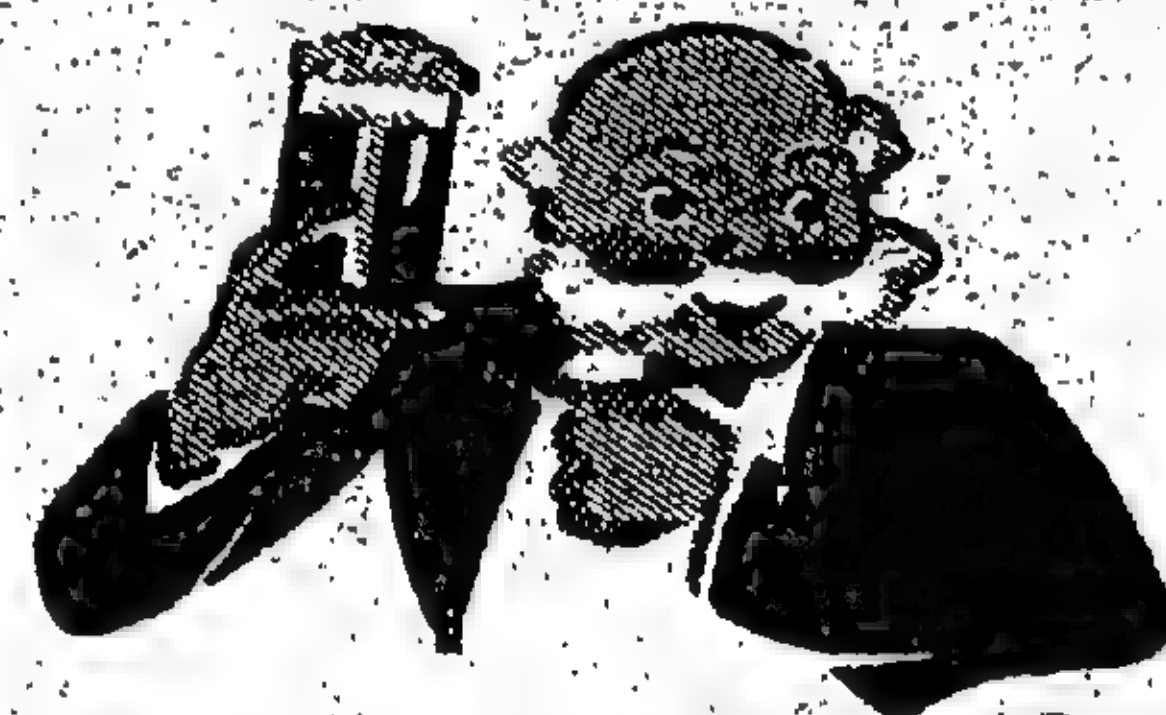
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Guide For Gourmets

A contemporary raises the old question: "When is a sausage not a sausage?" If a cat spits at it, it's a hot dog.

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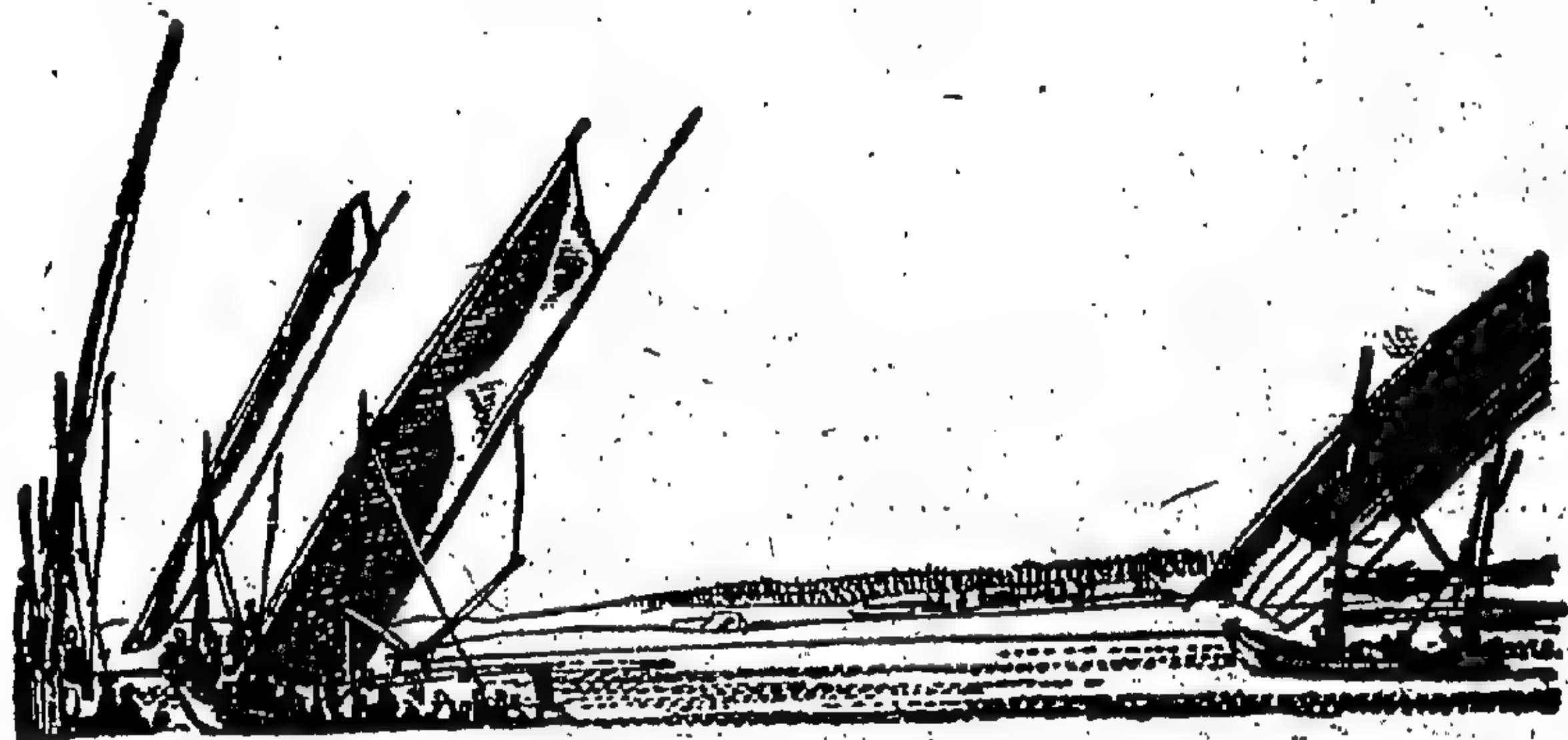
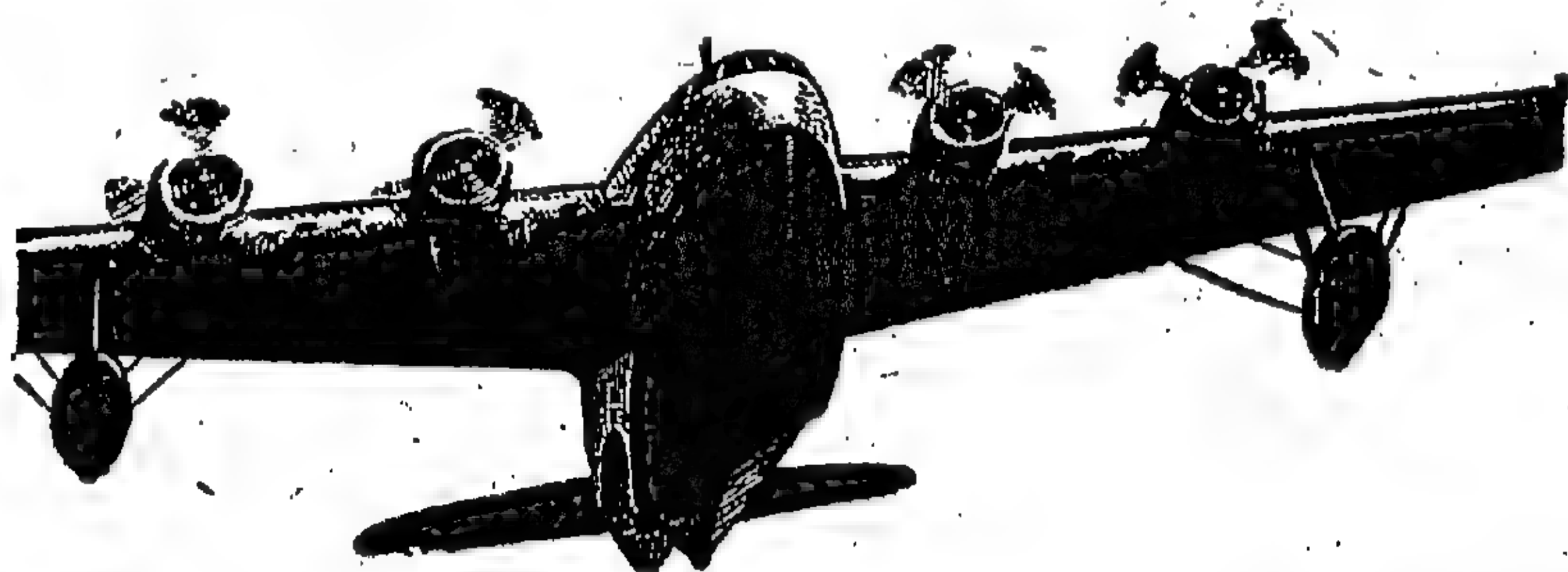
The "Iron Premier"?

Films fans are said to be patiently waiting the appearance of Stanley Baldwin played by George Arliss, or vice versa.

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It is a long time since we had a schoolboy "howler": and this one is new at least to me:

"King William had a new forest maid. Then he killed everyone who chased his dear."

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Who'd Blame Him?

Magistrate: "But the constable says that while you were in a drunken state you tried to climb a lamppost."

Native: "Yes, bass; I did, baas. But three crocodiles had been followin' me 'bout all night, and dey was gettin' on my nerves."

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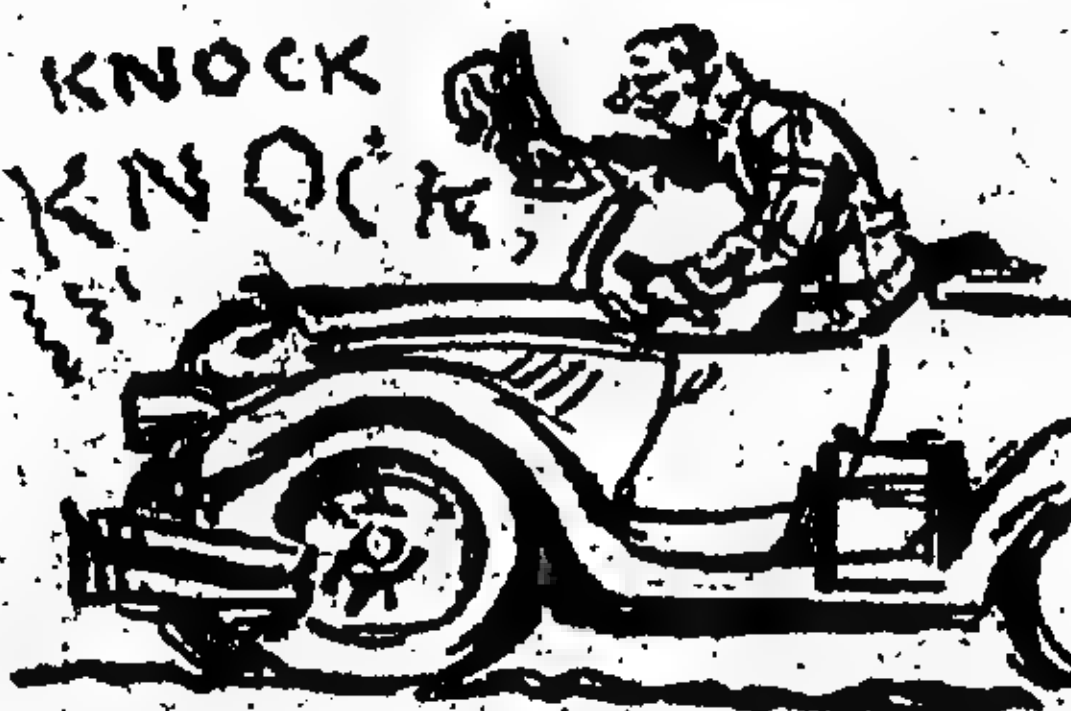
Another Insult

"Some of our heavy-weight boxers are continually being held up to ridicule," complains a Johannesburg writer.

Others are continually being held up.

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Toujours La Politesses



"An impolite motorist is an exception nowadays," writes a motorist. We knew one who raised his hat and shouted "Come in!" every time his engine knocked.

BIG IDEA

A tobacco manufacturing firm claims to use an ingredient that gives an entirely new flavour to smoking. Could it be tobacco?

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Loudspeakers

"Please stop talking a moment, ladies, and we shall be able to hear the fall of the water," said the guide at Victoria Falls.

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In Seclusion

A man found guilty of house-breaking was said to have committed his first burglary nearly fifty years ago. He is celebrating his jubilee very quietly.

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Silly Symphony?

A musician has gone to live on a lonely island in order to compose.

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No Chip Off the Old Block
Afraid my son will never make a writer. Why, I found out the other day that at the age of fifteen he doesn't know what a post-dated cheque is.

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As the Convict Said When He Got Back Home to His Wife—
"If only I had my 'time' over again."

"BLACKMAIL"

(Continued from Page 1)

extremely polite, and, plainly, a man of some culture.

He listened carefully to all I had to tell him, and, at the end he smiled knowingly, and remarked:

"Ah, yes—the old trick, M'sieur! It is a very old trick indeed, that one. And so the young man is going to be made to pay up, eh?"

He lapsed into thought for a moment or two, and then showed his sharp, white teeth in a quiet smile:

"Well," he said, "I may be able to help you. But, while to come to your assistance in such a matter is a pleasure, M'sieur will, no doubt, understand that it is a pleasure with which business will be mingled! And there will be some necessary outlay—!"

"My dear Sir," I cried, "any reasonable figure—?"

"Shall we say—five hundred francs, M'sieur?"

"Certainly! I will give it to you now!" I agreed, knowing these gentry were not always trustful. To my surprise he stopped me with a gesture:

"No, M'sieur—when I have successfully completed the task!" he protested. "After all, it is nothing more than out-of-pocket expenses!"

"In that case," said I, "we will double it! I will give you five hundred now, and five hundred more when you have the documents!"

Plainly the little fellow was pleased at that:

"Good! You are very generous! We will now do the thing in style! But, M'sieur, I shall not have the documents—they will be handed direct to you! Now, tell me, have you this fellow's telephone number, yes?"

I nodded.

"Very well. You will please 'phone him, sounding a little sad—as though you had given up hope, you understand? You will tell him you will 'phone him tomorrow, and make an appointment to redeem the papers. I will communicate with you tomorrow, M'sieur Thomas!"

Sure enough, the following afternoon I received a note from the little man, making an appointment at a certain hotel for eight-thirty that evening, and requesting me to tell the brother of Mademoiselle Lisette to attend—with the papers.

I carried out these instructions to the letter. On arrival at the hotel I followed instructions, and asked for M'sieur Lamonte. I was shown to a room on the third floor, which proved to be an ordinary hotel sitting-room, with a bedroom opening from it. As soon as I arrived my ferret-faced friend joined me from the bedroom, leaving the door very slightly ajar.

A moment or so later the brother (who had also been instructed to ask for M. Lamonte) arrived. When he entered the room he saw, at first, only me standing there, awaiting him.

"Well, M'sieur," he said, with a slightly ironical bow. "I trust that this evening you are in a more reasonable frame of mind? You are prepared to pay the money owing to my sister?"

"That," I answered him, rather depends on this gentleman here!"

He turned, and saw the other man.

"What is the trouble, M'sieur?"

my ferret-faced friend asked, in a quiet voice.

Lisette's brother, somewhat taken aback, said:

"You will perceive, M'sieur, that I ask nothing that is not quite reasonable. The return of the money loaned by my sister, and assurance that the young man in question will persecute her no more!"

The ferret-faced man responded by fixing him with a far from pleasant stare, and pointing an accusatory forefinger at him, said, harshly:

"You are a colossal liar, my friend! The woman is not your sister—she is your wife! You are her husband, and all that happened has been with your full knowledge—and connivance! Deny, that, if you dare!"

I must admit that I was as much surprised by this accusation as was the "brother"—but not so nonplussed! He went first red and then white, stammered and stuttered for a moment, and then broke down completely!

Eventually he let out a volley of French oaths, and then asked:

"How in the name of ten thousand devils did you know that?"

The man with the ferret face smiled, as he answered:

"It is my business to know things!" Then his voice took on a harder note: "You will hand to M'sieur Thomas here those I.O.U.'s and letters. Otherwise we will telephone to the police and charge you with blackmail!"

The blackmailer had, by now, recovered from his temporary discomfiture. He merely smiled and said:

"Not so fast, my friend! Maybe I am the husband of the lady, but that does not alter the fact that these are I.O.U.'s! As her husband, I suppose I still have the right to claim money owing to my wife, n'est pas?"

I was a trifle taken aback by this—it looked to me like check-mate. But not so my ferret-faced friend:

"Oh, yes?" he remarked gently. "That will be very nice! But, then, you see, we point out to the police that our young friend never signed these I.O.U.'s! That you have, in short, faked them! And that you claimed to be the lady's brother when, in fact, you were her husband—we have two witnesses to prove that—M'sieur Thomas and myself! And what do you think the police will say to that—?"

He sprang suddenly to his feet, snatching the telephone from its stand, while keeping his finger on the contact-bar.

"You hand over those papers now, or I call the police! Which ever you like, my friend!" Then to me: "See he does not escape, M'sieur Thomas—we want him here!"

Taking my cue, I planted myself squarely in front of the door. The fellow paled, hesitated for a moment, and then, with a gesture of resignation, pulled a bundle of papers from his pocket, and flung them on the table with a curse.

I picked them up, checked them, and told the ferret-faced man they were all there. He immediately waved the blackmailer to the door:

"Go—while you are safe, my friend!" he ordered. "And a very good night to you!" he added with charming sarcasm.



H. E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, and Lady Northcote, chatting to friends at Kwanti. ("Mail" photo).

When the discomfited swindler had left, I turned gratefully to the ferret-faced man:

"But how on earth did you discover they were man and wife?" I asked him. He responded with a smile and his everlasting shrug, and answered, calmly:

"I didn't. I just guessed it! Such strategy is not unusual in cases such as this! And if he had not been her husband—" He paused, and called "Come in, Jules!"

To my amazement another man entered from the bedroom. He was a big, tough-looking fellow, wearing a very new and very loud suit, with a huge butterfly tie of startling colour and design:

"You see, M'sieur Thomas," the ferret-faced man explained. "If my guess had been wrong, I had here, in reserve, another husband for the lady—ready made for the occasion. So we could not lose, whatever happened!"



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WHITE HORSE WHISKY



Passengers on the Canton Belle, none the worse for their experience after the silver diesel train had run off the tracks near Tai-po last Sunday. ("Mail" photo).



Barbara, the white polar bear at Whipsnade, was full of the Christmas spirit when this bon-bon was presented to her at the festive season. (Copyright Photos).

LIVING IN THE FAR EAST

ALTHOUGH Lili Korber, author of *Adventures in the East* (London: The Bodley Head, 12s. 6d.), does not really tell of any adventures, she managed to do what few travellers in the East are able to do in a short time. She lived on terms of intimacy with some Japanese and Chinese men and women. She saw life as it is lived by ordinary people, not as it is presented to the tourist. Not for her the cherry blossoms of Japan but the pitiful actuality of its debt-ridden peasantry and badly paid workers, and the frustration of its women and youth.

For all the misery, poverty and "backwardness" of China she feels that it is more modern than Japan in its ideas and general outlook. The ruling classes in China, as well as the intellectuals, have taken over some liberal ideas from the West, such as the emancipation of women and belief in a republican form of government, whereas in Japan the old traditions and superstitions are deliberately preserved as the cement of society and all liberal western thought is persecuted equally with Communism as "dangerous thinking."

Speaking of the frequency of peasant demonstrations, protests, and labour conflicts, she remarks: "Anyone who has lived in Tsarist Russia can sense the same atmosphere, the muttering of the coming storm."

In Shanghai the author was distressed by the racial arrogance and callousness of Europeans toward the misery of the Chinese people. She saw the unspeakable conditions in the factories and understood how great is the responsibility Europeans bear for those conditions.

With considerable difficulty she secured lodgings in a Chinese house, with the help of her friend Siu-chen, and thus saw "the inferno of Shanghai" from within instead of from without. Siu-chen recounts to her the details of her escape from the hands of Chiang Kai-shek's soldiers after her husband had been imprisoned as a Communist.

Siu-chen shows her China from the point of view of its revolutionary youth, but she also takes her to visit her uncle, who dreams of the brotherhood of man and lives a completely happy life teaching modern agricultural methods at his college in the country. For him, it is immoral to persecute any man for his opinions, and no one is an enemy.

There is a half amusing, half pathetic, sketch of a Japanese shopkeeper trying to sell cheap stationery to Chinese who pass his shop by as if it did not exist. He gazes at the huge Japanese barracks and tries to console himself for his ruin with thoughts of the greatness of Japan, but "he would much rather that those barracks had not been built."

The book is rather a hotch-potch of odds and ends, but it gives us glimpses of the less familiar side of life, both sad and gay, not only in Japan and China but also in the U.S.S.R., where the author visited the Jewish Republic of Biro-Bidjan.

F. U.

Wish Comes True

"Some power the giftie g'ed 'un, To see himself as others seed 'un."

And now he won't speak to any of his old friends.

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Answer To Correspondent

Q. Baby has swallowed a box of matches. What should I do?

A. Use a cigarette lighter.

ADOR CHANGES PLANS



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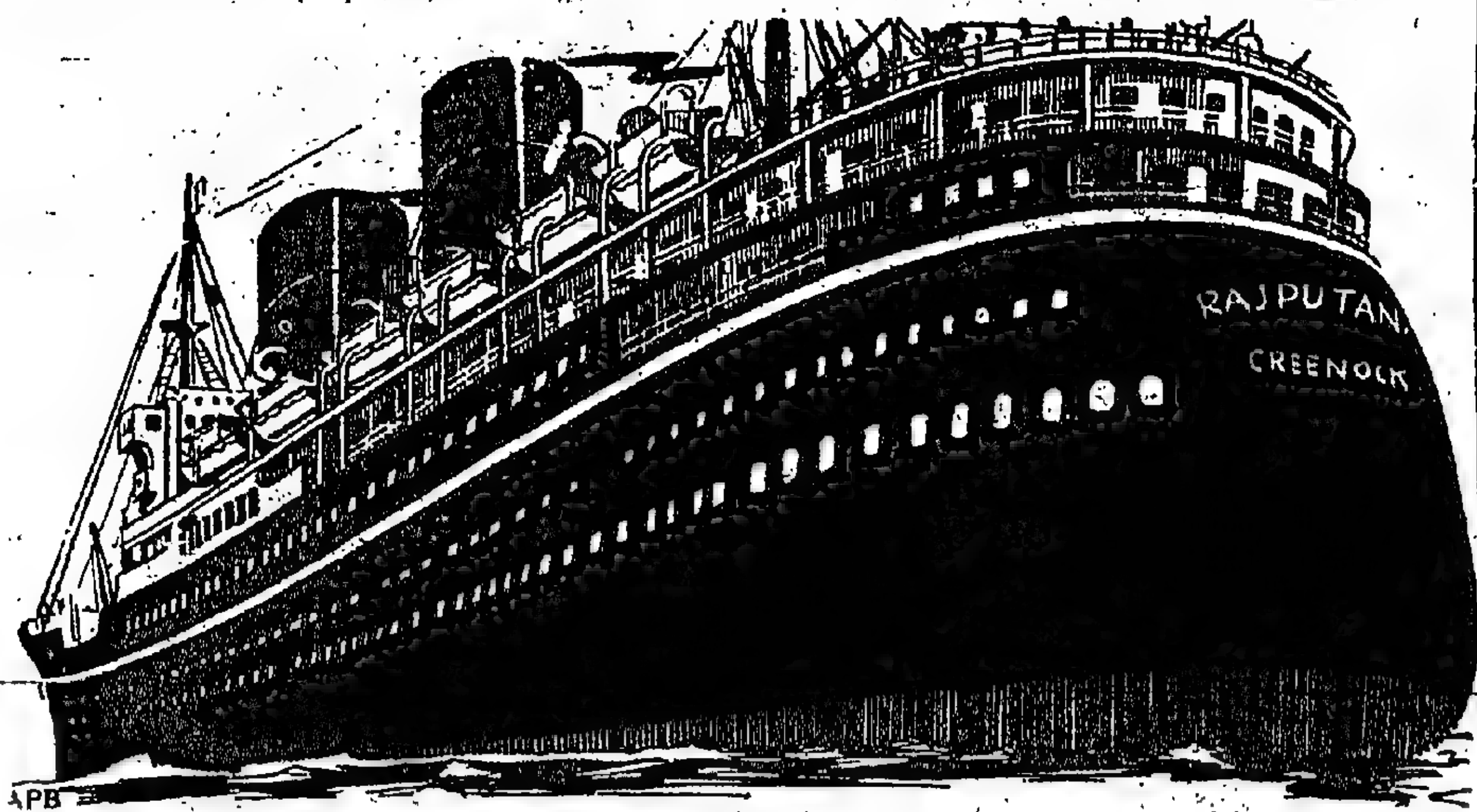


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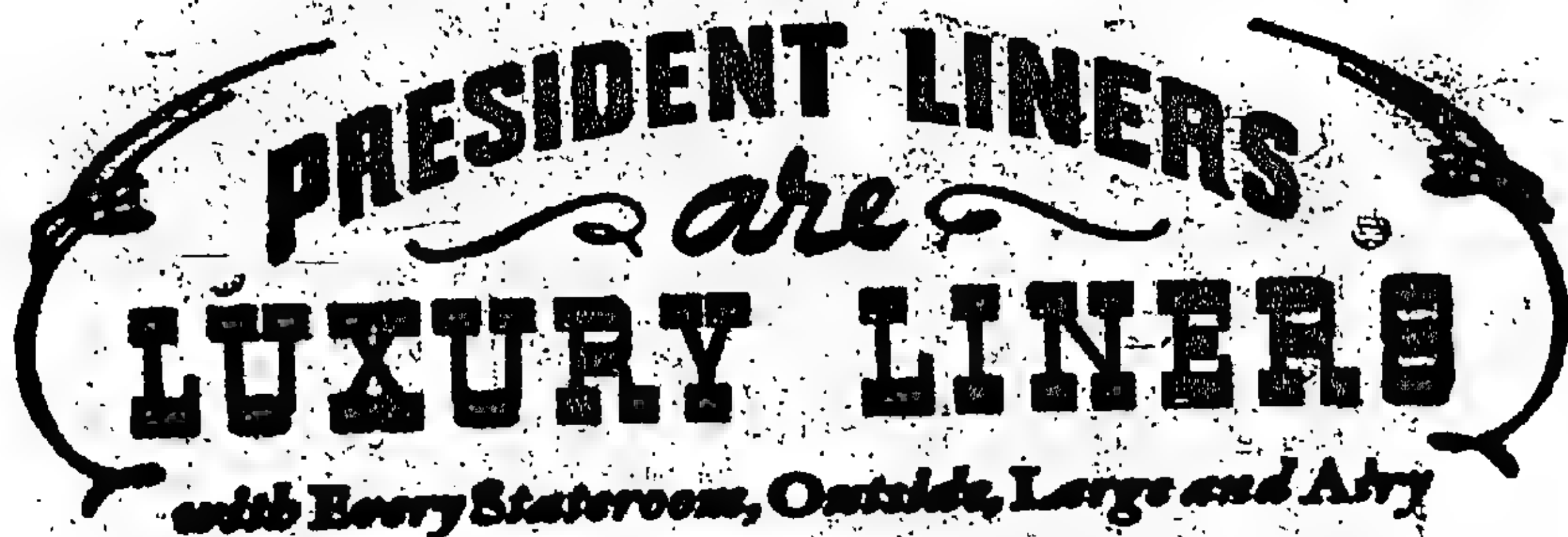
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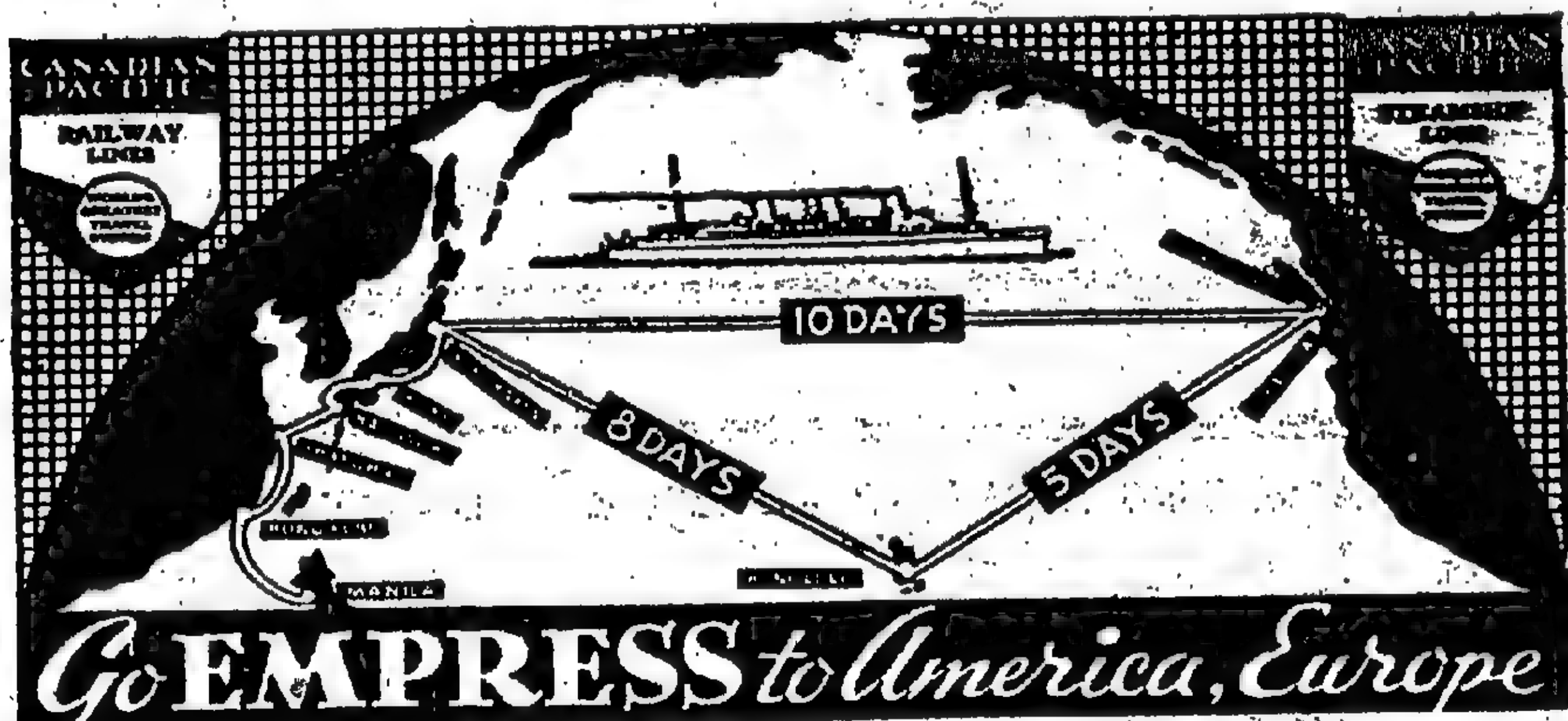
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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

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Empress of Canada on February 11th.

Canadian Pacific

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

INSURANCES
China Underwriters \$1.40 b., \$1.45 s.
SHIPPING
Douglases \$56 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and W. Docks \$27½ b.
Providents (Old) \$2.05 b.
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LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.20 b., \$5.30 s.
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PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$14 b.
Peak Trams (Old) \$6½ b.
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Star Ferries \$83 b.
China Lights (Old) \$10.20 b., \$10.30 sa.
H. K. Electrics \$52½ b., \$53½ s.
Macao Electrics \$19½ b.
Sandakan Lights \$14½ s.
Telephones (Old) \$25½ b., \$25¾ s.
Telephones (New) \$8.35 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cantons Ices \$1.70 s.
Cements \$12½ b., \$12.90 sa.
H. K. Ropes \$4 b.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms \$24½ b.
Watsons \$5.60 b., \$5.70 s., \$5½ sa.

MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$5½ b.
Constructions \$1½ b.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/- b.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27s.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-3/16 and forward at 19-15/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.977 and the New York on London rate £-U.S.\$4.99½.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

February/March 24 b. Unchanged.
April/June 24½ b. Up ½s.
July/September 24¾ b. Up ½s.
Market: Steady.

FAMOUS ACTOR'S ESTATE

London, To-day.

Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson, the famous actor, who died last November, left £8,372. — British Wireless.



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Air Force accidents in 1937 now total 93 with 156 deaths—the highest figures since the War.

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During 1937 aeroplanes topped 10,000,000 flying miles compared with 60,000,000 in 1936 and 50,000,000 in 1935.

The number of deaths is also increased by the fact that under the new re-armament scheme R.A.F. bombers carry multiple crews instead of the old system under which there were many two-seater and one-seater machines.

BARCELONA RAID

Paris, To-day.

According to latest official figures, 138 were killed in Wednesday's Spanish insurgent air raid on Barcelona and about 200 wounded. — Reuter.

YUGO-SLAV PREMIER IN ESSEN

Berlin, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav Premier, M. Stojadinovic, arrived in Essen yesterday and paid a visit to the Krupp steel works. — Trans-Ocean.

PEASANTS WANTED

Paris, To-day.

Press reports state that owing to the shortage of agricultural labourers in France, the authorities are contemplating having recourse to Dutch peasants and farmhands. — Trans-Ocean.

VISIT CANCELLED

Beyrut, To-day.

The journey of the French High Commissioner for Syria to Jedda, in Saudi Arabia, where he will meet King Ibn Saud, will not take place, according to press reports. — Trans-Ocean.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions from the proprietors of The General Traders Ltd., to sell by Public Auction at their premises, Nos. 30 & 40, Haiphong Road, Palace Hotel Building, Kowloon, on

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NOTICE.

WILLIAM GIBSON STEWART
SCOTT late of Central Police
Station in the Colony of Hong
Kong, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all
claims against the estate of the
above named deceased must be
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Sd. T. H. KING,
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BIG DEFEAT OF ARMY "A" BY RECREIO

**COLOURS LOWERED
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THIS LEAGUE SEASON**

**DEADLY BOWLING
BY ALVES AND
L. G. GOSANO**

**CPL. WEBB HITS CLUB ATTACK FOR
BRILLIANT CENTURY**

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH credit for the finest individual performance in last Saturday's Junior League cricket matches must go to Cpl. Webb, of Army "B" for a dashing century against the Club, most spectacular team feat was achieved by that very keen side, Club de Recreio.

DISMISSED FOR A MEAGRE 69 BY THE POWERFUL ARMY "A" ATTACK, THEIR TWO OPENING BOWLERS, E. A. R. ALVES AND L. G. GOSANO, WERE IN SUCH DEADLY FORM THAT THE ARMY SIDE, STRONGLY FANCIED FOR THE TITLE, WERE SKITTLED OUT FOR 28, TO SUFFER THEIR FIRST DEFEAT OF THE SEASON.

Although on the face of it, Recreio's victory appears to rest with three men, A. E. Noronha, who batted dourly right through the innings for an invaluable 30, and Alves and Gosano for their bowling, fine team spirit had as much to do with it as anything.

With veteran F. H. Carvalho at the helm to set them an inspiring example, the field were ever on their toes and any semblance of a chance was eagerly snapped up.

Alves and Gosano were virtually unplayable and bowled unchanged to capture 4 for 18 and 6 for 13, respectively, in 11 overs. It will be recalled that this same pair were responsible for dismissing C.S.C.C. for 13, the lowest total registered this season, and have proved themselves to be the finest combination in the Junior Division.

K.C.C. junior cricket is definitely passing through the doldrums and, following their defeat of the previous week against Army "A", they were well beaten by the Navy at Cox's Road.

K.C.C. batsmen, having first use of the wicket, fared badly against Ldg. Wtr. Jeffery, who took 6 for 34, and apart from Mulcahy, McKenzie and Dand, no one reached double-figures. Their two most promising batsmen, K. M. Baxter and R. T. Broadbridge, failed again, and their lapses in recent games seems to be the main reason for the team's lack of success.

BAD START

Navy, with the comparatively simple task of scoring 78 for a win, did not have matters all their own way. Luke and McKenzie bowled extremely accurately, and had six of their best batsmen back in the pavilion with only 46 on the board. E. A. Clayton, however, batted stolidly for 48 not out and Stoker Featherstone made 21 and the runs were hit off with two wickets to spare.

Army "B" strong candidates for the League wooden spoon, have Cpl. Webb to thank for their first point, garnered at the expense of H. K. C. C. Webb went in first

and scored with great rapidity, hitting 30 boundaries in an innings of 141, scored out of 214, enabling a declaration to be made at 225 for 7.

Club sportingly went for the runs and when stumps were drawn had made 173 with two wickets still in hand. Bishop was topscorer with 55 and hit a six and 11 boundaries. Blake and Paterson, the latter back to form after a lean period, also made useful contributions.

BOLD BID

Craigengower, who are making a bold bid for honours, made no mistake against Civil Service and romped home by 5 wickets. Daniels, Booker and Warr were the only double-figure scorers for Civil Service, who just managed to top the century mark against a keen and varied attack.

Craigengower had little difficulty in passing this total, Rapley, Hung and Lim all making substantial scores. I am pleased to see Lim back to form and expect to see him do even better as the season progresses. Haynes and Booker were the most successful members of the losers' attack, each capturing three cheap wickets.

UNIVERSITY'S REVIVAL

University have definitely staged a revival in their cricket and are now going along very nicely. Chiefly responsible for their fine victories of late has been J. Tsui, whose fine all-round form has been consistently maintained. Following his excellent displays against C.S.C.C. and Recreio, he batted to such good effect against I.R.C. at Pokfulam that he was responsible for no few-



Adrian Quist's revival in form, as ably demonstrated against the Americans Donald Budge and Gene Mako, in Australia recently, leads critics to believe that Australia will again challenge for the Davis Cup in this year's series.

TO-NIGHT'S MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

The following is the Badminton League programme for this evening. Only two games will be played as Tajkoo have asked for a postponement of their match with Kowloon Tong.

Recreio "A" v St. Andrew's University v Free Lances.

VOLUNTEER XI TO MEET POLICE AT CRICKET

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Police at cricket on the Police ground next Sunday, commencing at 11 o'clock:

D. J. N. Anderson, R. H. Griffiths, E. C. Fincher, R. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. S. Stoker, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. McKenzie (Capt.), J. H. Fox, G. Souza and Ainslie.

LOCAL TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The selection of the new Committee of the Hong Kong Ping-Pong Association for this year took place on Wednesday night at the Confucian Club, Hollywood Road.

A meeting will be held by the committee next Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. at the Confucian Club, when they will select the Chairman and the Secretary.

er than 95 out of a total of 145 scored by the Undergraduates.

In partnership with K. S. Oh, he added 86 runs for the second wicket and included 17 boundaries in his finest innings to date.

I.R.C. had first lease of the wicket and with I. Ali, K. M. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu, all making runs, were able to reach the fairly respectable total of 121. Ng and R. Singh, for University, shared the wickets. Their bowlers then failed badly and were flogged unmercifully with the result that they were beaten by 7 wickets.

C. C. C. FAVOURED

From what the season has so far revealed, League honours in this division now rest with Navy and Craigengower. I am inclined to favour the chance of the latter, who will be able to maintain their team, whereas Navy are likely to become more and more depleted as the season advances.

OPEN SQUASH RACKETS TOURNAMENT

Encouraging Entry
Of 46

ONE CHINESE PLAYER

The Open Squash Rackets Tournament, the first organised affair of its kind in the Colony, promises to be an outstanding success, as it has drawn 46 entries including one Chinese entrant in Kwan Wing-hong.

The draw is given below and the First Round must be completed on or before January 29, and the Second Round on or before February 10.

The following is the draw for the Open Squash Tournament.

Byes into 2nd Round:—

Harvey v. Innes.

Leach v. Dewar.

Leckie v. Valentine.

Lamb v. Foster.

1st Round:—

Anderson v. Gray.

Colville v. Haymes.

Evans v. R. G. Geer.

A. H. Potts v. C. Austin.

Nicholson v. Campbell.

G. Polglase v. Currie.

A. C. I. Bowker v. J. C. Miller.

A. H. R. Butcher v. L. J. A. Fielden.

Welch v. Beavan.

R. A. E. Watson v. Kwan Wing Hong.

J. M. Tomlinson v. Newnham.

Harrison v. Stubbs.

Lt. Hawkins v. Dimsell.

Coppinger v. Shewell.

Byes into 2nd Round:—

Rump v. Buckeridge.

W. T. Yoxall v. W. Wooding.

J. A. M. Rice-Evans v. Stewart.

Watt v. S. C. Archer.

Beadnell v. Laidlaw.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2nd Round Of Annual Triangular Contest

CLUB DE RECREIO TRIUMPH

The Second Round of the annual triangular Contract Bridge tournament was played at Club de Recreio last Wednesday between the American Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Club de Recreio, resulting in a win for the home team.

The final scores were:
Club de Recreio, plus 20,060 points.
Kowloon Cricket Club, minus 8,640.
American Club, minus 16,420.
The detailed scores were:—

CLUB DE RECREIO

F. E. A. Remedios and A. M. Xavier, plus 3,610.

J. E. Noronha and A. J. Basto, plus 9,440.

J. M. Noronha and A. F. Noronha, plus 4,520.

H. A. Barros and C. M. Correa, plus 2,490.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and H. Odell, plus 3,060.

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew, minus 6,290.

F. W. Shaftain and F. A. Fable, minus 2,750.

A. J. Kew and W. Mackenzie, plus 2,340.

AMERICAN CLUB

K. K. Rounds and L. R. Cramer, minus 1,980.

R. M. Reid and J. C. Pool, minus 7,220.

J. Brownley and V. E. Baker, minus 2,150.

J. Stenersen and D. A. O'Kieffe, minus 5,070.

The positions of the clubs are now as follow:
Club de Recreio, plus 13,370.
Kowloon Cricket Club, plus 8,200.
American Club, minus 21,820.

EVOLUTION OF THE THOROUGHBREDS CROSSES WITH BARBS AND ARABS ROYALTY'S PROMINENT PART

Sydney, December 16.

WHAT a marvellous sport horse-racing must be to have ingrained itself so closely and profoundly into the fibre and spirit of human nature!

FOR MANY YEARS HORSES WERE BRED PRIMARILY FOR UTILITY PURPOSES—FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STANDARD OF HORSES FOR THE ARMY AND FOR SADDLE MOUNTS.

To-day this is not the case, though it is still true that the utility breeds (hunters, coaching types, saddle horses, Army remounts, etc.) benefit from concentration on the production of thoroughbreds.

While this is the case, it cannot be claimed, even by those who take no interest in horseracing, that the breeding of bloodstock serves no purpose other than that of the Turf.

The racehorse is probably more popular to-day than ever before. The racehorse and the greyhound are both bred, in the first place, solely for racing purposes. It was a recognised fact years ago that Russia, in the days of the Czars, used to annually supplement from the consolidated revenue a large amount for the improvement of the breed of horses for the Army. England had no necessity to do that, but obtained the same, or better, results in a better way.

MADE INDUSTRY POPULAR

The King, for instance, bred and raised horses and made the industry popular. The whole of the aspirants for popularity, from the nobility to the coster, went in for horse-racing. Thus, directly or indirectly, without any grants or aids from the Government, they went on improving the breed of the English racehorse until it had no peer in the world.

So marked has become the superiority of the English breed that people go to England from all parts of the world, as to the "Fountain Head" to buy thoroughbred stock for the purpose of raising, or maintaining, the standards of their own.

Through several centuries Barbs and Arabs were introduced into Britain. They were crossed with native stock of extremely hardy character, and in this way the outstanding horses of later years were largely developed.

LITTLE CHANCE

In England in 1886 some pure-bred Arabs were imported and raced, but for purposes of the Turf were not in the same class as the English thoroughbreds. The best pure Arabian would have little chance against the typical English racehorse.

Yet a judicious admixture of Arab blood with English, over a period of several generations, did have the effect of improving the local horses, imparting to the breed some of the best qualities inherent in the imported animals.

In regard to the standard of British bloodstock it is significant that higher prices are paid in England for thoroughbreds than in any other part of the world.

Up to 15,000gns. have been paid for a yearling. Many lots of yearlings realise prices ranging from 5,000gns. to 10,000gns.

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GUILDFORD ALLIANCE COMPETITION

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)
London, December 17.

Two assistants, H. G. Bowen, of the Berkshire club, and W. Smithers, of Sunningdale, tied for the Guildford Alliance 18-holes stroke competition on the West course at Wentworth, Virginia Water, yesterday. Both had a 77, equalling the scratch score, but Bowen secured the first prize by virtue of the better inward half—37 against 39.

Their success was particularly noteworthy in view of the fact that among the 100 competitors were three members of Britain's Ryder Cup team—A. Perry, A. Lacey and W. J. Cox. Perry and Cox, baffled by the antics of the ball on frozen grounds, finished round about the 80's, while Lacey, after some heavy exploration work in the woods, retired gracefully.

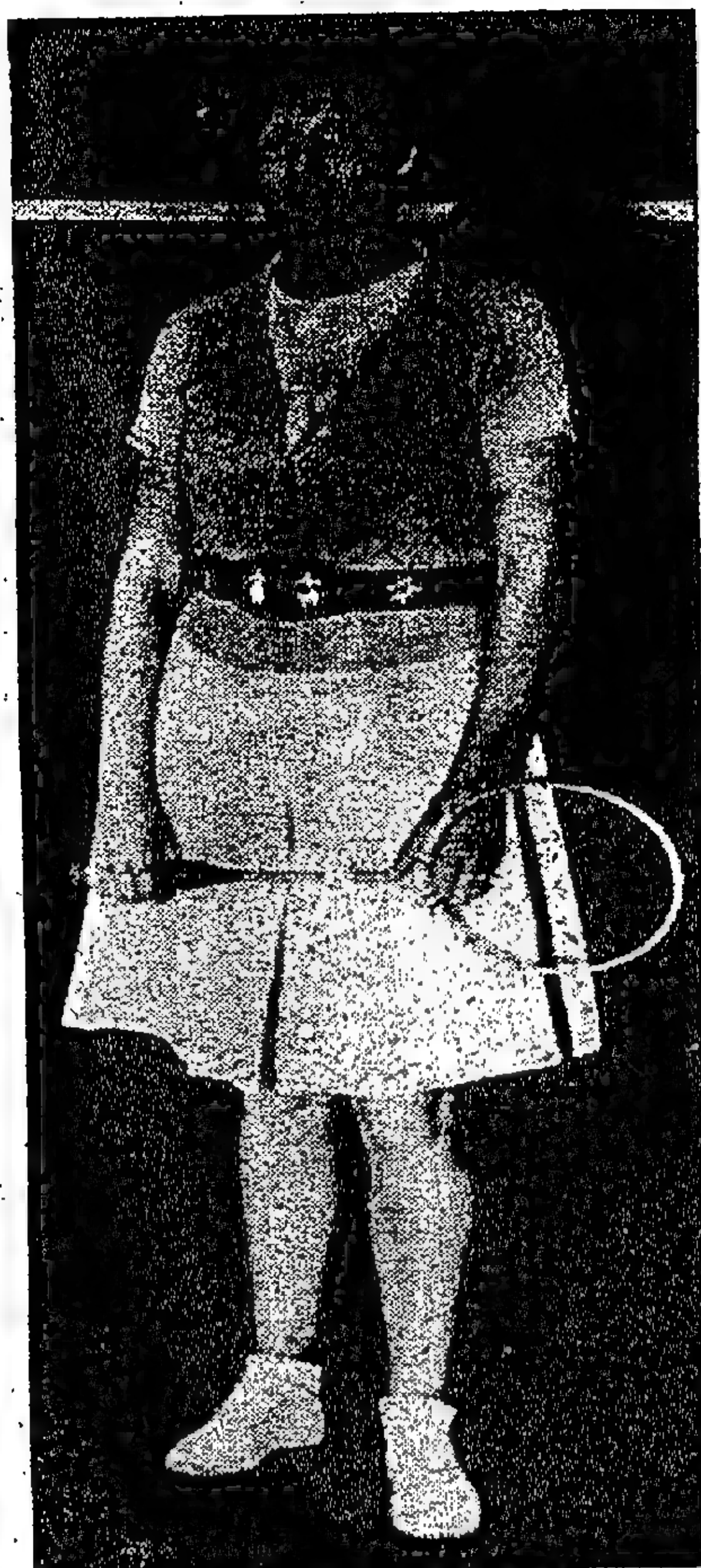
Bowen has been with Lacey five years, first at Selsdon Park and then at Berkshire. Aged 24, Bowen may be classed as one of the long hitters, but well-judged play on and round the greens was the chief factor in his success.

HIT A TREE

It is reasonable to suppose that his score would have been much better but for a mishap at the sixth, where he broke his niblick by hitting a tree. Being his favourite club, he felt the loss of it. The hole cost him 6, and another 6 came at the 7th, where he hooked into a ditch.

With a score of 40 to the turn, Bowen played par golf on the home-ward half, the 12th being his best hole. He reached the green with two full wooden club shots, and then holed from 10 yards for an eagle 3.

A product of Sunningdale, Smithers, following a period during which he earned a living carrying clubs for members of the club, went to Canada

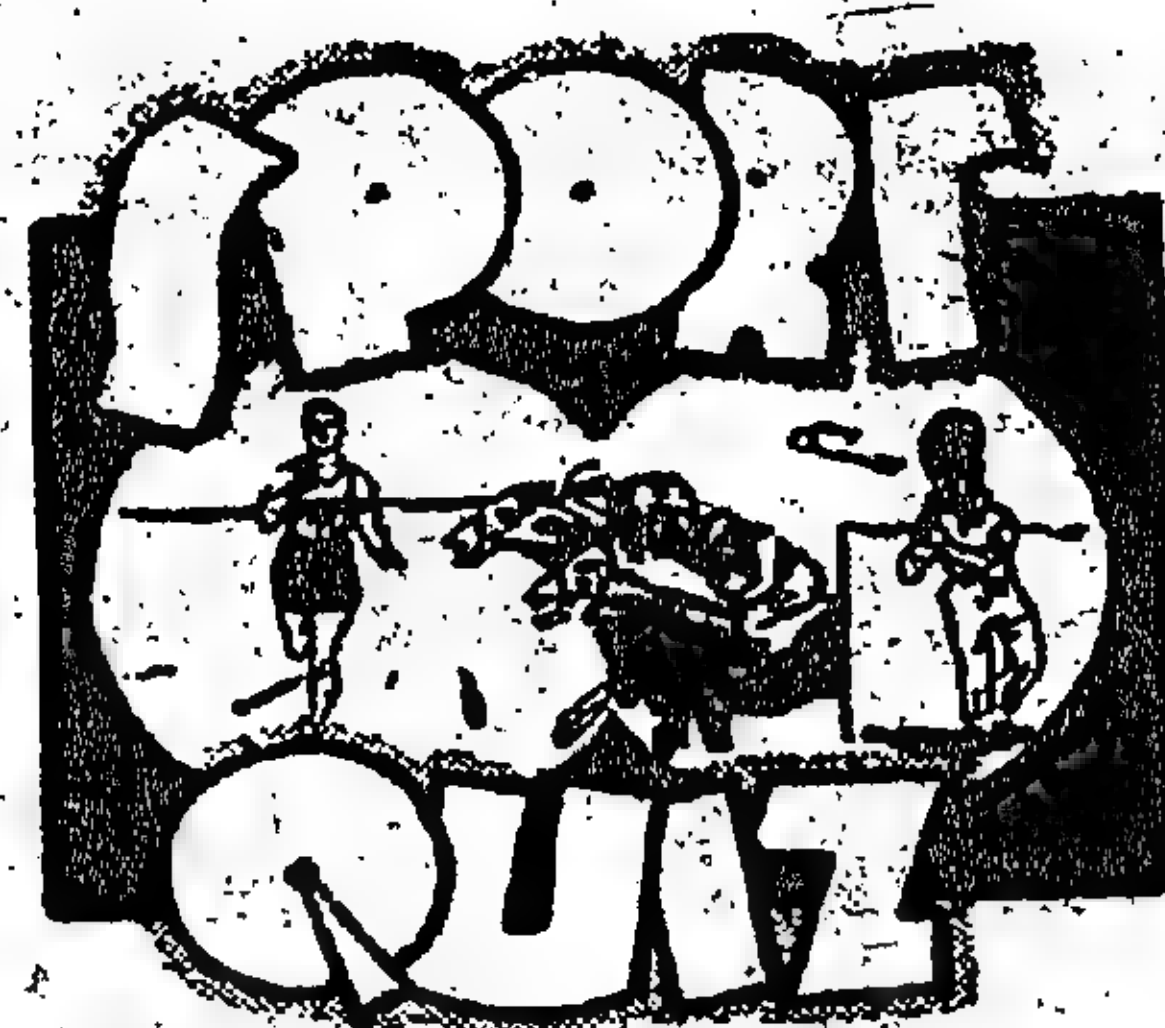


Mrs. F. H. Stokes, above, is likely to turn out for St. Andrew's against Recreio to-night in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League.

in search of fame and fortune. He did well in several big events, but, overtaken by the slump, Smithers returned to England and once again became a caddie at the old club.

Having faith in himself and his game, Smithers competed in last year's Open championship at Hoylake and for two rounds was in the running. In the end he finished in 17th place, one in front of Charles Whitcombe. For a working caddie this was an excellent achievement.

BORN SHORT-GAME PLAYER
Smithers, under the guidance of



(By JIM DONALD)

Sydney, December 12.

"American tennis girls, Dorothy Bundy and Dorothy Workman, are genuine blondes." Fair dinkum.

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"Donald Budge is delightful to meet, on and off the court." Him budgerees good pfeller.

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These bowlers are fond of their greens.

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Negro boxer Tom Chester is so black that he is known as the "Ace of Coals."

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American pugilist, Lou Farber, has fought in more countries than Napoleon.

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In golf a divot is a sod of grass gone wrong.

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N. S. Wales police crew "copped" the senior eight at Henley.

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That £7 bonus took the shine out of the Soccer Stars.

Michael Bingham, is gradually becoming more restrained in the driving department. He is a born short-game player and a beautiful putter—smooth and at the same time fearless. Well-judged pitching on half-frozen ground was the feature of his play.

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AUSTRALIA'S FINEST SWIMMER

ROBIN BIDDULPH MAY DEVELOP INTO A WORLD CHAMPION WALKS AWAY WITH NATIONAL QUARTER MILE TITLE

AND ESTABLISHES A NEW RECORD

(By "HARRY HAY")

Sydney, December 23.

A marvellous swimmer is Robin Biddulph. I have seen few Australians as good. Any man who beats him at the Empire Games will be a world-beater. When Andrew Charlton left the water to go on the land Noel Ryan bobbed up in his place. Biddulph looks like filling Ryan's place when he turns up competitive swimming.

I am not suggesting that Ryan will retire this season. There are great races still left in him, but none of us is getting any younger, and Biddulph, at 17, has years of racing ahead of him, if his studies permit.

On Saturday night, at Manly baths, he won the 440 yards N.S.W. championship in 4min. 54.1-5sec. This is 1.3-5sec. faster time than any recorded by an Australian. Charlton had held the record for five years. Jack Medica covered the "quarter" in 2.1-5sec. faster time in Sydney last year, but it shouldn't be long before Biddulph beats that time.

Manly is a marvellous spot from whatever angle you view it. I have seen all the seaside resorts of the world worthy of the name, but there's only one Manly.

TOOK NO CHANCE

Biddulph gave nobody a chance in the 440 yards title race and Ryan was 15 yards away when the youngster touched.

He broke Charlton's time for 330 and 440 yards and Andy will be the first to congratulate him. It is now up to Biddulph to break the 880 yards record of Charlton. I think he will in a year or two.

Ryan was slightly disappointing to his army of admirers, but no doubt he is conserving stamina for the Games. He tried to go with the winner, but the pace was too hot. My tip to him is to concentrate on the 1500 metres. If he does he should win it at the Games. Don't forget he was fourth over that distance in the world's championship at Los Angeles, and recorded the best time ever put up by an Australian.

BEST SPRINTER

Another man I expect to shine at

the Games is Bob Willshire, the sprinter. He will take some beating over 100 metres.

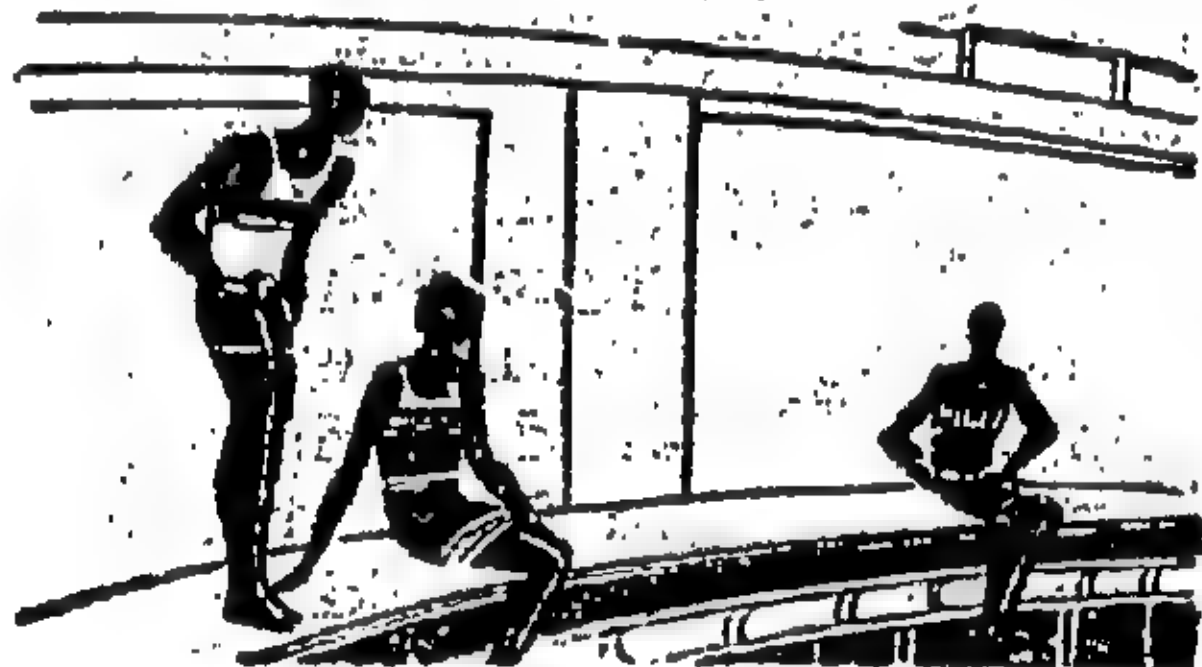
Lately he has been ill, but he is right again and should make those overseas cracks gallop.

I am sorry I cannot say the same about Bob Newbiggen, the Newcastle sprinter. He has slipped badly.

He swam the distance in 5min. 15.4-5s.

He has done a lot better over the distance.

Newbiggen established a 440 yards Junior State and Australian record of 5min. 6secs. in February 1937. He should have improved, but because of his leg and arm action he has slowed up.



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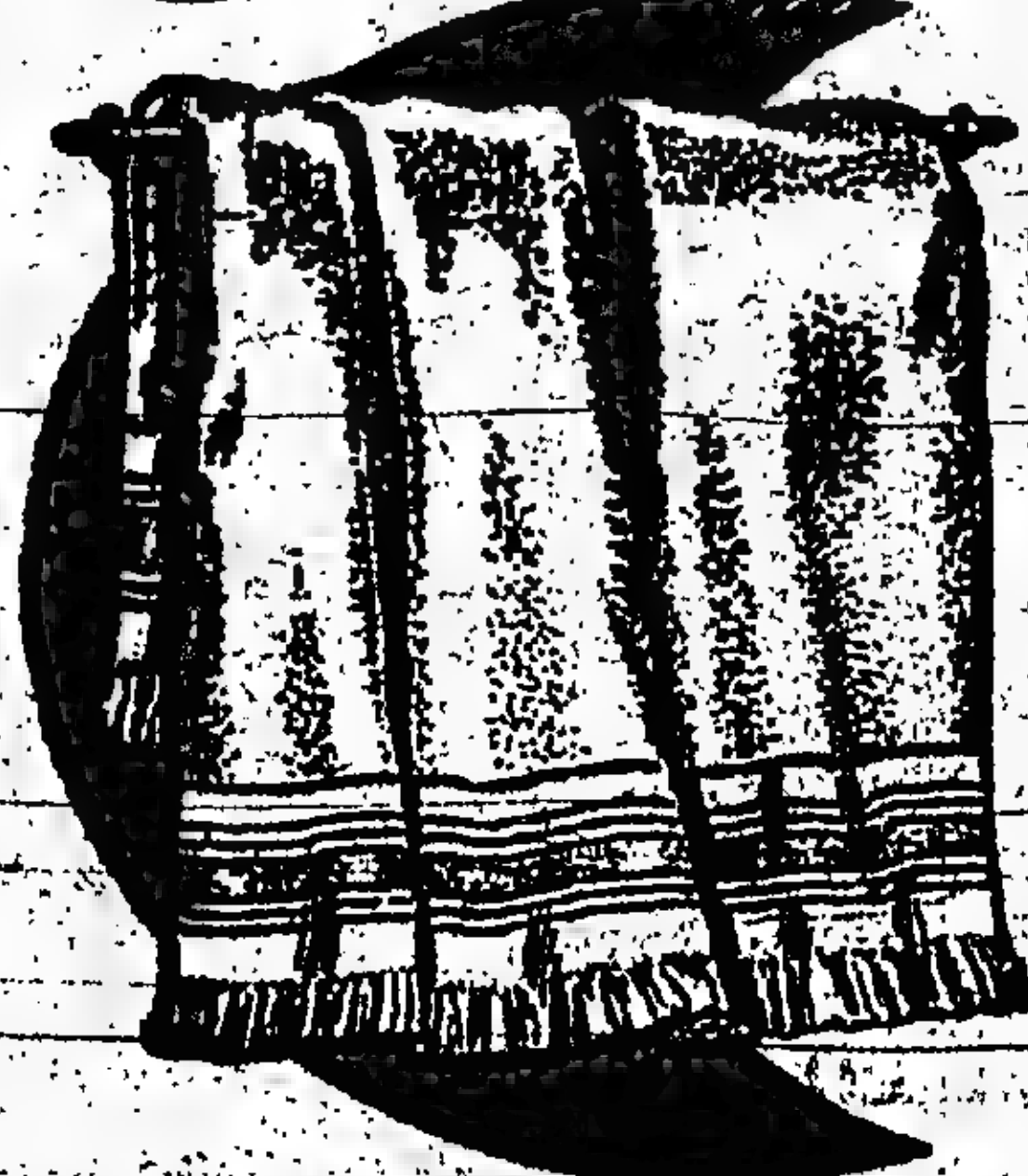
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GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling for next Sunday:—

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	R. E. H. Nelson, H. H. Mundy.
9.16 "	R. Stock, W. T. Yoxall.
9.20 "	G. M. Park, D. J. Gilmore.
9.24 "	A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
9.28 "	A. Leach, R. Young.
9.32 "	I. H. Geare, D. Forbes.
9.36 "	K. K. Rounds, A. D. Humphreys.
9.40 "	T. E. Pearce, R. G. Gray.
9.44 "	J. L. C. Pearce, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.48 "	D. W. MacEwen, E. T. McMullen.
9.52 "	A. Morse, K. S. Morrison.
9.56 "	N. K. Littlejohn, H. Overy.
10.00 "	W. H. Way, A. C. Godby.
10.04 "	L. C. F. Bellamy, A. Murdoch.
10.08 "	T. Low, E. G. Smith Wright.
10.12 "	J. H. M. Andrew, R. G. Parker.
10.16 "	F. C. Young, G. T. May.
10.20 "	L. R. Cramer, D. A. O'Kieffe.
10.24 "	A. Sommerfelt, J. R. Collis.
10.28 "	W. H. Jowit, J. B. Stewart.
10.32 "	A. E. Perry, G. F. O'Brien.
10.36 "	W. Woodward, A. B. Purves.
10.40 "	V. R. Gordon, E. L. Groomer.
10.44 "	Comdr. Hole, R. K. Valentine.
10.48 "	I. P. Tamworth, T. R. Chasels.
10.52 "	H. D. Dravo, Wing Cdr. Bishop.
10.56 "	W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward.
11.00 "	W. J. Roberts, R. L. D. Wodehouse.
11.04 "	J. L. Mouat, W. A. Weight.
11.08 "	G. H. Bond, F. D. Angus.
11.12 "	A. T. Lay, R. I. Cherrill.
11.16 "	A. V. Greaves, W. G. Robertson.
11.20 "	G. C. Worrall, G. N. Gawler.
11.24 "	W. Sharp, C. W. E. Bishop.
11.28 "	R. J. Shrigley, S. C. Feltham.

NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m.	E. C. Norris, A. L. Landshert.
9.24 "	P. H. Suckling, C. Finch.
9.32 "	B. Rolfe, G. H. Ball.
9.40 "	A. C. I. Bowker, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.48 "	A. H. and Mrs. Forbes.
9.56 "	W. A. and Mrs. Cornell.
10.04 "	J. Hall, H. E. Foy.
10.32 "	W. J. E. Mackenzie, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.56 "	Miss Curtin, Mrs. Smalley.
11.16 "	Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Robertson.

NEW OXFORD RUGBY CAPTAIN

Oxford University have elected H. D. Freakes (Rhodes Univ., S. Africa, Magdalen) captain, and R. M. Marshall (Giggleswick, Trinity) hon. secretary for next season.

FRANCE AMBITIOUS IN SPORTS

IMPOSING LIST OF FIXTURES FOR THIS YEAR

London, December 10.

"We have fixed up an ambitious programme for next year because we are anxious to have a more successful season than we did this year," an official of the French Athletic Federation said to Reuter.

"Of course, we have specially in mind the European athletic championships which are to be held on our own soil on September 3, 4 and 5, 1938. They will be staged at the Stade de Colombes because no other modern ground can be properly built and prepared in time.

The championships will be particularly interesting because it seems probable that the twenty-seven affiliated nations will be taking part, and especially because of the return of Great Britain, who did not compete last year.

IMPOSING LIST

"All our fixtures," continued the official, "can be considered as leading up to the Europe championships, and naturally we hope to discover and give a chance to young blood, because it is essential to have the 1940 Olympic Games in mind."

The French fixture list is certainly an imposing one. On June 18 and 19 there is to be a match with Poland in Warsaw. On the same days a team of reserve athletes will be competing in an international encounter in North Africa, Belgium or Switzerland. More than a hundred French athletes will be engaged on those days. On July 3 France will meet Germany, and on July 24 the French championships will be held.

CRICKET MATCH WON BY A NO-BALL

Mr. Ray Smith writes from Charters Towers, Queensland, detailing a very novel ending to a match:— In club fixtures "The Bankers" required 159 in the second innings against "The Hornets" (leaders in the competition) for an outright win. They had scored 158 with the last two batsmen in, when V. Buckley, "Hornets' fast bowler, clean bowled one of them (with an extra fast one), but the umpire had called "no-ball," thus making "The Bankers" victors.

Have you ever heard of another case where a match was won on a "no-ball"?

One cannot recall anything exactly similar. Possibly something of the kind has happened somewhere.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS WHO BORE THE CROWD DRASTIC ACTION MUST BE TAKEN

ANOTHER CHALLENGER FOR TOMMY FARR

(By B. BENNISON)

London, December 4.

THE more intelligent of the boxing public are asking what the big promoters intend doing now. Will they, in the matter of heavy-weights, close down, or will they continue to risk losing money by employing and presenting them at their own valuation.

SOMETHING DRASTIC REQUIRES TO BE DONE, IF WE ARE TO BE SPARED ANOTHER SUCH WOEFUL TRAVESTY ON THE SPORT OF FIGHTING AS THAT WHICH WAS PRESENTED AT HARRINGAY LAST MONDAY NIGHT.

The remedy is not with the Board of Control. It rests with the promoters and the responsible critics of boxing. A merely big strong lusty fellow is not necessarily a boxer, neither may his capacity be estimated by the rating of his manager. For all too long, values have been assessed by scales and yard-stick. It has seldom been that judgments have been arrived at by any standard of skill.

The prevailing idea is that the bigger the fighter the better from a box-office point of view. Physical hugeness is counted as "colour," "personality," and what not. Little or no heed is paid to the fact that, as a class, heavy-weights the world over are the poorest boxers. The vast majority are complete strangers to the science of boxing. Yet they are the most handsomely paid and pampered.

If it had not been for a couple of boy bantams, scarcely known outside their own particular neighbourhood, the latest Harringay venture would have been without a really redeeming feature. They saved the ship. Maurice Strickland and Al Delaney, who fought for a place among the contenders for the Empire title, for all they delivered might well have been mistaken for novices.

MOST WEARISOME

The crowd booed and ridiculed them from the opening to the end of the last round, when C. B. Thomas, the referee, decided that Strickland was the winner on points. I felt sorry for the man in charge. How he must have been tempted to declare no contest! A more wearisome affair I have not seen for years. It was incredibly bad.

Strickland, through his American manager, excused himself because of a sudden illness. He assured me that he wanted to cry the fight off during the week-end. "Maurice was in no condition to fight," he declared. "Then," I answered, "he should have been put to bed in fairness to the promoters and all the people who have paid good money." Daly's reply was:—"We did not want to disappoint the people." "But" I insisted, "you have unintentionally I agree—not only disappointed them. You have made them angry."

DELANEY'S BOATS BURNED?

Delaney got me all wrong. I saw in him a heavy-weight far above the average. He has forced me to the conclusion that he is just another fighter, and a moderate one at that.

I understand that he was promis-



ed four fights by the National Sporting Club, who brought him from New York. I am interested to see what happens. I am told that he proposes to spend Christmas with his people. Maybe he will decide to confine his activities to America and his native Canada. I am almost afraid he has burned his boats here.

ANOTHER CHALLENGER

Jack London, having knocked out Manuel Abrew, has joined the army of Farr's challengers if I were the Hartlepool's giant, I should court as many fights as possible, and forget the Welshman until Farr has got through his American engagements.

That goes for all the hunters of the scalp of the Britist champion. Len Harvey has asked me to broadcast that he has backing up to £2000 for a fight with Farr, but, realising that Tommy is under contract with Mike Jacobs for an indefinite period, he especially invites Jack Doyle to toe the line. And since the Irishman is sure that he can make a clean sweep of pretenders to the kingdom of Farr, he will perhaps not hesitate to put down a couple of thousand as a side-bet.

BOARD'S DECISION

The position is such that it is extremely unlikely that there will be anything doing. Perhaps the Board of Control will make haste to name the heavy-weights to engage in their championship eliminator, and also impose a time limit for the defence of the title by Farr.

Word has been sent to the Welshman, who, I understand, intends to return to New York on the 16th of this month, that if he beats an opponent selected by Mike Jacobs before January is out, he will be given a match with James J. Braddock, the winner to meet Joe Louis in the summer for the world's championship.

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JOCKEY IN DIVORCE SUIT

London, December 16. — The divorce petition brought by Mrs. A. M. Smirke against her husband, Charles Smirke, the well-known jockey, winner of a number of classic races, is listed for hearing before Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Smirke were married in 1928, Mrs. Smirke being the daughter of an Epsom trainer, Mr. George Hyams. The petition is undefended.

FRENCH RUGBY TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

After several postponements the invitation to France to send a Rugby League team to Australia is now definite. The N.S.W. decision ends the uncertainty.

There appears to be some difference between the Kangaroos managers and the French control, seeing that M. Blein, the French secretary, has cabled to the Rugby League suggesting that instructions be sent to the managers.

ENGLAND BOWLER FOR LEAGUE

E. W. Clark, the England fast left-arm bowler, who was not re-engaged this year by Northamptonshire, has joined Darlington, the North Yorkshire and South Durham League club.

Schumann Symphony No 1 In B Flat Major

To-day's Wireless

Temple Church Choir And Organ Music

12 noon.—Relay of a service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Peter Dawson.
The Bandelero (Stuart).
To-morrow is Another Day.
Blue Venetian Waters (from film "A Day at the Races").
12.41 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Noel Coward and Musical Comedy selections.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Waltzes.
1.54 p.m.—Military Band Music.
The Voice of the Bells (Luigini).
Tarantelle de Concert (Greenwood).
Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

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Liberty Bell March.
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Pilgrim's Chorus.
Grand March from Tannhauser (Wagner). . . . Massed Bands of the Aldershot Command.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—Turner Layton.
Lost (Mercer and Tester).
Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together (Edwards).
The Night is Young and You're so Beautiful (Suesse).
7.40 p.m.—London Relay—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Helen Lockhart (Contralto) accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw.
8.23 p.m.—Zino Francescatti (Violin). Rondino (on a Theme by Beethoven). Kreisler.
Variations (on a Theme by Corelli) Tartini-Kreisler.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"British Industries Fair 1938". An Introductory Talk to this year's Fair by the Night Hon. the Earl of Derby K.G., G.C.B., G.C.V.O.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent—26th Series of Opera.
"The Force of Destiny" (Verdi).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Choir of the Temple Church and Organ Music.
I waited for the Lord.
O Come Ye, Everyone that Thirsteth (Mendelssohn). . . . Choir with soloists, Masters E. Lough & R. Mallett.
Organ Concerto in B Flat (Handel).
Water Music Suite, Movement in D. Dr. E. Bullock.
See Amid the Winter's Snow.
Christmas Lullaby.
Lullay my Liking.
There is no Rose of Such Virtue.
Choir.

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'At the Black Dog.'
8.45 a.m.—R.R.S. 'Discovery'.
9.05 a.m.—Recital of North-Country Music.
9.30 a.m.—'Cards on the Table.'
9.50 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Old Dance Music.
11.40 a.m.—'Food for Thought'.
12.00 p.m.—Eugene Pini and his Tango Orchestra.
12.30 p.m.—'British Industries Fair, 1938'.
12.45 p.m.—Dance Music: 'Hits of Today'.
1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—'British Industries Fair, 1938'.
3.15 p.m.—The Band of His Majesty's Irish Guards.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—Empire Variety Theatre.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Bad Overcalling

A bad bid or a bad overcall may have repercussions that go far beyond the immediate outcome. Some short-sighted players feel that if they are not promptly doubled they have "gotten away with something." It seems to me that when one gains nothing and merely escapes annihilation, it is indeed a Pyrrhic victory.

In the hand described below, South's miserable overcall escaped punishment of one type but incurred another equally severe.

East, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A K Q 5
H.—K Q 10 6 3
D.—K 8
C.—K 9

WEST

S.—9 7 6 2
H.—5
D.—10 9 6 4 3
C.—J 5 2

EAST

S.—J 10
H.—9
D.—A Q 7 2
C.—A Q 10 8 4 3

SOUTH

S.—8 4 3
H.—A J 8 7 4 2
D.—J 5
C.—7 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 club	1 heart	Pass	4 hearts
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South, I suppose, felt pretty good when his neck stretching heart overcall, instead of being pounced on by West, was raised to game by North. If so, he should have waited with his self-congratulations.

West opened the jack of clubs and, to take West off lead so that the diamond king could not be led through, declarer covered with dummy's king. East cashed the ace and queen and then, praying that dummy's spade suit would not produce sufficient diamond discards for declarer, exited with the spade jack. Dummy won, trumps were drawn, and spades were continued in the hope that the suit would break 3-3, which would provide a discard for

one of declarer's diamonds.

Justice would have been blind indeed to have permitted such a break. This time she was not found wanting. Spades not breaking, declarer ruffed the fourth round and led the diamond jack, in the forlorn hope that if West had the queen he would fail to cover. [The ace was, of course, located in East's hand, with the club bid]. West had no opportunity for error, however, and two diamond tricks went to the defenders.

The one trick defeat of the contract was entirely fair and just, considering the arrogance of South's vulnerable overcall. It is quite true that North could have clinched a game by bidding three no trump instead of giving a triple raise. But, although three no trump would have been a perfectly sound and even shrewd bid, North certainly could not be blamed for feeling that, with any respectable overcall, South would be able to spread the hand for a heart game.

The interesting feature is that if South had not cluttered up the bidding by his unwarranted overcall, North undoubtedly would have ended up the declarer at the same four heart contract, and from the North position four hearts would have been ice cold, requiring only a little care.

East would become the leader and, assuming that he selected his best and safest lead, the spade jack, North would win, draw trumps, and run off two more spade tricks, then would ruff a fourth round in dummy. Now, all North would have to do would be to keep West off lead, and the obvious means would be to lead a club and, if West played low, to put in the nine spot. To play the king would give East opportunity for a desperation defence, namely, to win with the ace and underplay the queen, on the hope that West held the jack and could come through in diamonds. The nine of clubs play would clinch the contract, all this assuming, of course, that the proper hand had become the declarer.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Partner opened the bidding with one spade. What is my correct response with S. K 9 8 6 4 H. 10 5 D. K J 8 6 4 C. J 7?
Answer: Four spades.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

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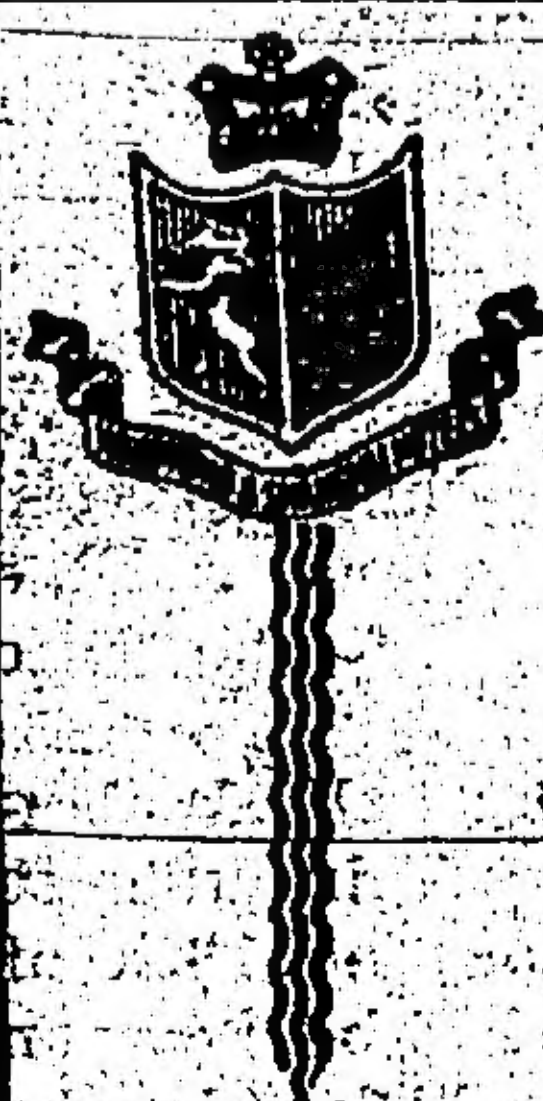
AT THE STAR—"Broadway Gondolier", with Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, Louise Fazenda, Adolphe Menjou and William Gargan. The story of a taxicab driver who aspires to be a singer and the secretary of a big broadcasting concern who falls in love with him and arranges an audition with the result that a number of humorous situations arise.

AT THE KING'S—"Cafe Metropole"—A story of paupers in Paris,

starring Loretta Young, Tyrone Power and Adolphe Menjou—also Charles Winninger, Gregory Ratoff and Helen Westley.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Love From A Stranger"—Ann Harding has one of the strongest parts of her career as a typist who is swept off her feet by the wooing of a fascinating stranger, with Basil Rathbone, Binnie Hale, Bruce Seton, Jean Cadell, Donald Calthrop and Eugene Leahy.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"True Confession", with Carole Lombard, John Barrymore and Fred MacMurray. A laugh filled romance of a girl who could not tell the truth under any conditions married to the most truthful man in America. It was adapted from the famous French play "Mon Crime" by Louis Verneuil and Georges Berr, and directed by Wesley Ruggles for Mr. Lewin.



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MR. SUN FO'S ARRIVAL ROUSES SPECULATION

Moscow, To-day.

Diplomatic circles attach great importance to the arrival of the Chinese delegation headed by Dr. Sun Fo.

The latter has already had several conversations with the Soviet authorities, with the aim of extending Sino-Soviet relations, but he has been unable yet to see Stalin owing to the Dictator's pressure of business with the Supreme Council, which concluded on Wednesday.

Mr. Sun Fo's prestige in Moscow, owing to the Left views of his father (the late Dr. Yat-sen) and his own Soviet sympathies, is believed to enhance the mission's chances of success.

Mr. Sun Fo's appointment as Ambassador to Moscow, succeeding Ting Fu-tsiang, who was recently recalled, is believed likely.—Reuter.

SPECULATION RIFE

Moscow, To-day.

Speculation is rife concerning the object of the visit to Moscow of Dr. Sun Fo.

One rumour says that Dr. Sun Fo, who is accompanied by other Chinese officials, will play the part

MR. DE VALERA RETURNS TO DUBLIN

London, To-day.

The Eire Premier, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, accompanied by other Irish delegates who took part in the Anglo-Eire talks, left London yesterday.

"They were seen off at the station by the Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, and the Eire High Commissioner in London, Mr. J. W. Dulanty.

As the time of departure had not been published, the Irish statesmen were not bid farewell by the huge crowd which had welcomed them to London.

Only a small group of London Irishmen were present at the station.—Trans-Ocean.

TALKS CONTINUE

London, To-day.

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